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Father Linnane addressed Loyola last Wednesday in a State of the College address. It was Linnane's third annual address to Loyola, in which he highlighted the school's strategic plan.

Linnane addresses Loyola Nation

By MICHAEL J. CALABRESE
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Rev. Brian Linnane, S.J. made his third State of the College address last Wednesday, addressing issues of diversity, education, Jesuit values and the future of Loyola College. The Alumni Memorial Chapel was filled to capacity with students, faculty and administrators gathered together to celebrate the progress of the 2006-2007 academic year and collectively look forward to the new year.

The speech itself touched upon numerous topics, namely the Year of the City, enrollment, new administrative positions, construction updates, and Loyola's distinction as one of the top Catholic institutions in America. Fr. Linnane spoke candidly about the "Year of the City" and its success within the

Loyola community. The themes of the YOTC were integrated into courses in the 2006-2007 academic year. Fr. Linnane noted that the initiative as a whole "far exceeded my expectations." The YOTC wasn't the only altruistic endeavor undertaken by Loyola last year. A partnership with St. Mary's school brought together over 40 Loyola students who served as tutors, coaches and teacher aids. This fruitful relationship has helped bolster enrollment and raise the quality of education at St. Mary's.

Fr. Linnane's wrap-up of the previous academic year was a proud moment for the Loyola community, but the real excitement began as he discussed the future of the College. He began by introducing the new freshman class and the exceptional work of the Vice President Marc Camille. The class of 2011 enters as a banner class for numerous reasons. The first is that the class is the largest in Loyola College

history. Nearly 8,600 applications were received by the college, a 9 percent increase from last year. Fr. Linnane was also particularly proud of the increase in online applications, which rose from 47 percent to 85 percent. Of those applications 990 students were admitted to the class of 2011. The mean GPA of the class was 3.5, with an average SAT score of 1204. The diversity of this class has also

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Educators in the city

Part I of Loyola Alumni teaching in Baltimore

By MATTHEW LINDEBOOM
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Nicole Charatte graduated in 2007 with a degree in English, and classmate Conor Mulroe studied Political Science and thought about attending law school. But when many of their classmates left Baltimore following graduation, Charatte and Mulroe stayed in the city to become -- of all things -- teachers.

Charatte and Mulroe are among a small group of Loyola alumni who are now teaching in some of Baltimore's toughest schools. They often face the educational challenges of an ailing public school system that include falling academic standards, resource shortages, and cultural differences that make connecting with their students harder. Many of these teachers, including Charatte and Mulroe, participate in the Teach for America program, which places teachers in low-income school districts all over the country, including inner-city communities, the Mississippi Delta, and Appalachia. The program employs 165 educators in the Baltimore area.

"The students are very, very bright," said Charatte, who teaches English Arts to seventh

and eighth graders at Dunbar Middle School. "Their scores may not show that, but the culture is just completely different. They can be all over the place and they can be well behaved. It just depends on the day."

"The numbers say clearly that they are not succeeding at the level of their peers in more wealthy, suburban school districts. But when you meet them and interact with them and give them work, it's clear that they are every bit as bright and energetic," said Mulroe, who teaches eleventh grade World History at New Era Academy. "If they're given the chance to succeed, and the resources that they rightfully deserve, then they will excel at a level at or beyond any other student you could pick from any school, public or private, in this country."

While the teachers see potential in their students, they also see surprising trends that illustrate the ailing state of public education in Baltimore. Some eleventh grade students come to class only reading at a third grade level; and, many have not been taught even a basic knowledge of history, with some students thinking that Martin Luther King Jr. freed the slaves, and when asked about Abraham Lincoln, students say

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Swardson gives A-OK to college lifestyle



BETSY VAN LANGEN/GREYHOUND

Comedian Nick Swardson used what he knows best to excite the sold out crowd of Reitz Arena on Friday night, which was his crude language and exaggerated story telling. Swardson discussed topics ranging from daily college life to poor alcohol tolerance with his typical racy humor and witty imitations. Page 14

Loyola, "R U" Safe?

By KYLE EMMICH
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After the Virginia Tech tragedy, Loyola College Public Safety officials asked themselves how they could better get in touch with students in case of an emergency on campus. One of the solutions to the problem is the e2Campus program: a system managed by a third party that allows Loyola Police to instantly send out broadcast text messages containing vital information.

The e2Campus system is

designed to be used for "situations posing imminent physical threats to the College Community," according to Loyola's Public Safety website which also says that it "complements the existing Loyola Emergency Notification System (LENS), which includes outside sirens, PM Evergreen e-mails, phone mail announcements, and indoor fire alarm speakers." An official with the LCPD stated that they try to keep students well-informed about safety issues by

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Bomb kills key U.S. ally in Iraq, fallout to come

By JAY PRICE & LEILA FADEL
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

BAGHDAD - A key U.S. ally in the Sunni Muslim tribal rebellion against al-Qaida in Iraq was in his own protected compound Thursday when an explosion from a hidden bomb ripped through his armored vehicle, killing him, his nephew and two bodyguards.

Sheik Abdul-Sattar Abu Risha, who as head of the Anbar Salvation Council had lunched with President Bush less than two weeks ago, had just left a ceremonial building where sheiks greet guests and was returning to his house a short distance away in the early afternoon when the bomb went off. He was killed instantly.

Interior Ministry spokesman Abdel Karim Khalaf said it was unclear who'd killed the tribal leader. Suspicion immediately fell on al-Qaida in Iraq, but the organization hadn't claimed credit for the killing by Thursday night. Others suggested that Abu Risha could have fallen victim to rival Sunnis worried about political competition.

The timing of the explosion, hours before Bush was to give a nationally televised address on Iraq policy, was a reminder of the tenuous nature of U.S. claims of success in Anbar province, where the rebellion by tribal groups against al-Qaida has become the Bush administration's No. 1 example of military progress here.

Bush underscored the importance of the arrangement when he visited Iraq earlier this month, meeting with Abu Risha at a sprawling U.S. military base in Anbar while not visiting the Iraqi capital.

The bombing in what should have been a secure compound suggested that the assassin had help from someone in Abu Risha's inner circle, said Hamid al-Hayes, a

tribal sheik who was among Abu Risha's confidants.

The head of Anbar's governing council said Abu Risha's death wouldn't derail the movement.

"Killing Abu Risha will not end his phenomenon," Abdul Salam Abdullah said. "There will be another Abu Risha and another Abu Risha."

Abu Risha had become the poster boy for the Anbar Salvation Council, the tribal



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Tribe leader Abdul Satter Abu Rishu greets General Petraeus.

group that formed a year ago to combat al-Qaida in Anbar. He was pictured on anti-al-Qaida posters holding a rifle as gunmen fled. He was featured in a government-made television documentary, "The Land of Fire," with his distinctive bushy black mustache, neat goatee and the finest camel hair robes of beige and black.

Abu Risha's high profile made his death unsurprising, said Lt. Col. Richard D. Welch, a U.S. expert on Iraq's tribes. "You can't have that kind of high visibility here and not expect something like this," he said.

At one time, American forces were

"augmenting" Abu Risha's security, said Marine Maj. Jeff Pool. But Pool said he didn't know whether that was still the case. When traveling outside the compound, Abu Risha usually was surrounded by police and heavily armed guards.

The White House condemned the death in a statement and hailed Abu Risha's efforts "to take the fight to al-Qaida and bring peace and security to Anbar."

It was the second assassination of Anbar tribal leaders who are key to the anti-al-Qaida in Iraq rebellion. In June, four sheiks of the Anbar Salvation Council were killed along with eight other people when a suicide bomber slipped past security at a central Baghdad hotel and detonated the explosives he was wearing.

Mithal Alusi, a secular Sunni lawmaker from Anbar and an Abu Risha ally, said Abu Risha had anticipated his death.

During a dinner at the home of former Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari a month ago, Alusi said, Abu Risha joked with him about which of them would die first. "I would like to be a martyr before you have this honor," Alusi quoted Abu Risha as saying.

It was the last time they spoke.

Abu Risha, along with dozens of other tribal leaders, agreed to renounce al-Qaida in Iraq a year ago. Their group gained widespread attention in the United States earlier this year after American troops began to support it and absorb its members into the Iraqi government's security forces late last year.

The arrangements with the tribes led to a significant drop in attacks on U.S. forces in Anbar, the heartland of the Sunni insurgency, and became a model for similar deals in Diyala province, north of Baghdad, and some Baghdad neighborhoods.

Among other things, Abu Risha was credited with cleaning up Anbar's capital, Ramadi, once a bastion for the Sunni Islamic extremist movement, a place so dangerous last summer that the chances of gunfire or a bomb on any two-hour patrol were about 90 percent, Marines said. Attacks there are rare now.

In interviews, Abu Risha often had said that he'd decided to take up arms against religious extremists after they killed his father and three of his brothers.

He had high political aspirations in recent months, sending envoys to meet with tribal sheiks in Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood and saying he was ready to assume a role in the central government. He'd announced a few days before his death that he and other tribal leaders planned to run in the next elections as a political bloc. Earlier this year, he'd pledged to take his fight to the rest of Iraq.

He'd been the target of at least one other assassination attempt since he struck his deal with the United States. Two suicide car bombers rammed the compound where he lived in February.

For all his positive publicity, Abu Risha was a controversial figure. He was a sub-tribal sheik who made his living off smuggling and was a known bandit. More prominent tribal leaders, such as Ali Hatem al-Suleiman, the prince of the largest Sunni tribe, the Dulaim, publicly accused him of thievery and using police to conduct extrajudicial killings.

But he delivered thousands of men when the United States asked for fighters against Sunni extremists, Brig. Gen. John Allen, the deputy commander of U.S. forces in Anbar, told McClatchy Newspapers in June.

"Go find a tribal leader that isn't a smuggler," Allen said.

New Emergency Notification System on campus

The College has recently augmented the Loyola Emergency Notification System (LENS) with a text messaging service that will instantly and simultaneously distribute brief messages in situations posing imminent physical threats to the College Community. By using Short Messaging System (SMS) technology, the system, e2Campus, can convey messages to registered mobile phones, Blackberries, wireless PDAs, smart phones and satellite phones even in times when traditional phone and e-mail networks are congested due to increased volume. To register log onto www.e2campus.com/my/loyola/.

VP for Development and College Relations to assume new duties

Dr. Michael Goff, currently the Vice President for Development and College Relations, will assume new duties as Special Assistant to the President next summer. The change is in an attempt to help Fr. Linnane address a number of his goals, which he has been unable to devote time to due to the external demands of his work. A process of identifying a new leader for the College's development efforts will begin in the weeks ahead.

Register for the Diane Geppi-Aikens Memorial 5K Race and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk

Sign up for the 5th Annual Diane Geppi-Aikens Memorial 5K Run and 1-Mile Fun

Run/Walk. The event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22, beginning at 8 a.m. from Geppi-Aikens Field at Loyola College. The race and fun run/walk benefits the Aikens Children Trust Fund, honoring the legacy of former Loyola Head Coach Diane Geppi-Aikens who passed away in 2003. To find out more and to register, visit the Athletic Website: <http://loyolagreyhounds.cstv.com>

Lecture on Giuseppe Garibaldi Oct. 3

Professor Frank Alduino of Anne Arundel Community College will give a lecture on Giuseppe Garibaldi on Oct. 3 at 4 p.m. in the Mangione Conference Center 105/107. For more information, contact Dr. Margherita Pampinella-Cropper at ext. 2520.

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Selected excerpts from reports

Wednesday, Sept. 12

At 7:05 p.m. an officer responded to the 4400 block of Millbrook Road to investigate a larceny complaint. Upon the officers arrival the victim stated that he had received a text message from a friend informing him that his car had been broken into. While inspecting his vehicle he realized that his front passenger window was broken. The car stereo had been removed. He stated that he had parked his car on Millbrook Road on Monday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. At that time his car was fully intact. Baltimore Police were contacted and responded to the scene. BCPD completed a report. While leaving the scene it was discovered that the car would not start. The battery cable to the car had been cut, seemingly to disable the car alarm. The cable was repaired with electrical tape. He was successfully able to drive to 5104 York Road to have his window taped and to store his vehicle. The scene was cleared at 10 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 13

A LCPD officer responded to a report of an armed robbery and assault. The officer arrived at the front gate of Homeland Southway. A student spoke with the officer while holding a tissue to his bloody nose. He stated while he and his friends were walking home from a local bar he was the furthest back from the group. As soon as they passed Bellona Avenue the suspect came behind him and said "You know what this is. Give me the money." When the student stated he didn't have any money the suspect struck him with a hard object. At this point his friends noticed he was being assaulted and came to his aid. As the students approached, words were exchanged at which point the suspect revealed a black Beretta handgun and pointed it at a student's chest. At this time all five students were searched by the suspect. He kept one Samsung cell phone valued at \$75. He gave one cell phone back to a student stating, "I don't want this old thing." Once he had completed his search he ran on foot north bound on York Road. It should be noted the suspect never checked any of their back pockets where their wallets were. The student who was struck in the face was taken by Medic 18 to Good Samaritan Hospital. The scene was cleared at 2:40 a.m.

LCPD Crime and Safety Tip of the Week

Using a bank ATM machine safely requires awareness and a little planning, just because a bank ATM machine is open 24-hours a day doesn't mean it is always safe. Most bank ATM robberies occur at night between 7 p.m. and midnight. Only use ATM machines in a well-lit, open, high-traffic area or busy supermarkets if possible. If lights around the ATM are not working, don't use that machine and avoid bank ATM machines adjacent to obvious hiding places. When you approach an ATM, scan the area first for loiterers, have your card ready and leave quickly, not counting your cash in public, walk, run, or drive away immediately if your instincts tell you so. Beware of offers for help from strangers during ATM transactions, don't argue with a robber, if confronted, give up the cash. Don't fight with or attempt to follow the robber, drive or walk to a safe place and immediately call the police.

-compiled by Michael J. Calabrese

Loyola students “jw” ‘bout “txt-ing”

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sending out incident alerts via e-mail, but that this new tool will allow for much faster



HEATHER STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE/MCT
Students will be alerted of on-campus emergencies via their cell phones

dissemination of information in an emergency. The official added, “You pray you never have to use it, but we have it there just in case.” Freshmen enrollment in e2Campus has been strong because they had the option to register during orientation, but the upperclassmen who are the real targets for the system due to their proximity to York Road have been

slower to sign up. Loyola has purchased licenses from e2Campus for the entire student body, but it is up to the students themselves to submit their cell phone numbers to the service. This can be done easily through the link on the bottom of a student’s Blackboard homepage, and will only take a few minutes to complete. Students can even register for the updates to go to their e-mail if they prefer.

Added to the continued safety updates from LCPD, this new level of security is a step in the right direction for a much safer campus environment. At last update, there were over 1,700 registered e2Campus users at Loyola, which leaves significant room for growth. Considering that there are no extra costs for the vast majority of Loyola students, most people use the SMS text function on a daily basis, there seems to be no reason not to register. This is a system designed to work for subscribers even when phone and e-mail systems are down. That fact, coupled with the system’s ability to broadcast information in real-time, could turn e2Campus into a very useful tool for the Loyola community.



DORSEY GRIFFITH/MCT

As girls mature at a faster rate health risks such as cancer increase. In addition to those health risks emotional and social problems can develop.

Are girls growing up too fast?

BY DORSEY GRIFFITH
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - American girls are entering puberty at earlier ages, putting them at far greater risk for breast cancer later in life and for all sorts of social and emotional problems well before they reach adulthood.

Girls as young as 8 increasingly are starting to menstruate, develop breasts and grow pubic and underarm hair biological milestones that only decades ago

typically occurred at 13 or older. African American girls are especially prone to early puberty. Theories abound as to what is driving the trend, but the exact cause, or causes, are not known. A new report, commissioned by the San Francisco-based Breast Cancer Fund, has gathered heretofore disparate pieces of evidence to help explain the phenomenon — and spur efforts to help prevent it.

“This is a review of what we know it’s absolutely superb,” said Dr. Marion Kavanaugh-Lynch, an

oncologist and director of the California Breast Cancer Research Program in Oakland, which directs tobacco tax proceeds to research projects. “Having something like this document put together that discusses all the factors that influence puberty will advance the science and allow us to think creatively about new areas of study.”

The stakes are high: “The data indicates that if you get your first period before age 12, your risk of breast cancer is 50 percent higher
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Ethiopia is killing civilians in separatist crackdown

By Shashank Bengali
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

BOSSASSO, Somalia - The Ethiopian government is starving and killing its own people in the remote eastern Ogaden region, according to refugees, who describe a terrifying four-month crackdown in which security forces have sealed off villages, torched homes and businesses, commandeered food and water sources, and beaten, raped or executed anyone who resists.

Hundreds of civilians already may have been killed in the crackdown on a separatist movement known as the Ogaden National Liberation Front, according to interviews with dozens of Ogadenis who've gathered in a steadily growing refugee camp in this steamy port city 300 miles from the Ethiopian border.

"They strangled my wife with a rope," said Ahmed Mohammed Abdi, a 35-year-old farmer from Degehabur province, who came home one day this month to see his wife's body lying by the door, his 1-month-old son still suckling at her breast. That night, he fled into the bush and began a seven-day trek to the relative safety of northern Somalia.

"If you come and try to identify the dead body, the soldiers will beat you also," said the wiry, wide-eyed Abdi. "I was afraid to be killed, so I ran away."

A top aide to Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi rejected the allegations. The government has barred reporters and international relief groups from most of the region, a vast desert that stretches from the central Ethiopian highlands to the border with Somalia.

In July, Ethiopia expelled the Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross from the Ogaden, accusing its workers of aiding the rebels. Last week, the aid agency Doctors Without Borders said it also had been denied access, and it warned of a major humanitarian crisis.

Some aid workers worry that the Ogaden could become a second Darfur, referring to the Sudanese government crackdown on insurgents in that country's Darfur region, which the United States has labeled genocide. In this instance, the United States has come out in support of Ethiopia, one of its most important African allies in the war on terrorism.

The U.S. has helped train Ethiopia's military — one of the largest and best equipped in Africa — and backed its recent invasion of Somalia to topple a fundamentalist Islamic regime there. Last week, after visiting one town in the Ogaden, Assistant Secretary of State Jendayi Frazer condemned the rebels and said reports of military atrocities were unsubstantiated.

"We urge any and every government to respect human rights and to try and avoid civilian casualties," Frazer said, "but that's difficult in dealing with an insurgency."

The accounts given by dozens of refugees in Bossasso this week paint a grim picture: Ethiopian forces burning or blockading scores of towns and villages in a strategy seemingly aimed at starving the population, which widely supports the insurgency.

Since June, soldiers have confiscated food and medicine from shops, stolen camels and livestock and blocked people from using water wells, refugees said. Few commercial trucks have been allowed in, and relief workers say that food and humanitarian aid also has been stopped for most of the summer.

The people, mainly ethnic Somali nomads and farmers, are surviving on the meat and milk of their remaining goats.

"They burned down my house," said Fatima Abdi Mohammed, a 40-year-old mother of six from a village near the eastern town of Warder. When she tried to protest, soldiers beat her with the handles of daggers, she said.

"There is no water, no food, no health services. If people leave to

fetch water with camels, they are killed or beaten."

Many refugees said women in their villages had been raped. Khadar Sherif Ahmed, 22, a villager

Two of the men were Somalis, and they were unharmed. But Ali and his two cousins, all Ogadenis, were forced out of their vehicles, blindfolded, undressed and

"I am stranded here."

Roughly 1,000 refugees have made it to Bossasso, a port on the Gulf of Aden several hundred miles from the heart of the Ogaden, and there are new arrivals nearly every day. Getting here requires walking north for a week or longer in blood-boiling heat, evading soldiers, before reaching the border with the semi-autonomous Somaliland region.

Some refugees remain there while others hitch rides to Bossasso, which has a population of several thousand Ethiopians. In Bossasso, many live in tumbledown shacks made of sticks and cardboard, paying \$2 a month to Somali landlords.

The U.N. refugee agency doesn't know how many Ogadenis have fled in recent months, although it thinks that several hundred are in Somaliland and neighboring Djibouti.

"There hasn't been a refugee flood," said Alexander Tyler of the Somalia office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "That could be a reflection of the control that Ethiopia still has over the area."

Mohammed Ali Farah, a 40-year-old from Warder who watched soldiers burn down his tiny cafe in June, then strangle three women who refused to vacate their cafe next door, said many villagers were too scared to leave.

"Historically (the military) used to fight us," Farah said. "They used to arrest and punish us. But such extensive killing, we've not seen before."



SHASHANK BENGALI/MCT

Fatima Abdi Mohammed, 40, with her one-year-old child inside an Ethiopian refugee camp in Bossasso, Somalia, September 12, 2007. Mohammed fled her village in the Ogaden region of Ethiopia this month after Ethiopian soldiers burned down her house and beat her.

from Degehabur, said he'd watched security forces storm a mosque and fatally stab five people — the oldest an 80-year-old man, the youngest a child of 8.

Bereket Simon, a senior aide to Prime Minister Zenawi, denied that soldiers were abusing or killing civilians.

"We are singling out the terrorists. We know how to deal with insurgents," he said. "This army is well trained, and they know their mission."

Earlier this month, Ethiopian forces escorted a U.N. fact-finding mission through parts of the Ogaden, but the team wasn't allowed to visit areas that refugees described as the worst affected.

Ethiopian officials accuse the separatist movement of fighting Ethiopian troops in Somalia and of receiving weapons and funding from archenemy Eritrea.

The movement grew out of decades of neglect by successive governments in Addis Ababa, which left the region the least developed part of one of the world's least developed nations. Land-line and mobile phone networks barely function; walkie-talkies are the most reliable form of communication.

Long-simmering tensions flared in April when fighters from the Ogaden National Liberation Front raided a Chinese-run oil installation in the region, killing 74 people. Within weeks, Ethiopian forces had launched their reprisals.

Now the walkie-talkies have been confiscated, the land lines are dead and anyone caught using a cell phone risks a beating or worse, refugees said. Ogadenis caught on the roads also are dealt with harshly.

Sadiq Mohammed Ali, a 34-year-old businessman from Korahe province, was transporting a herd of goats to Bossasso last month with four employees when soldiers stopped their trucks and demanded their papers.

thrown to the ground, Ali said.

A shot rang out, and one of his cousins yelled in pain. When the soldiers went to inspect the body, Ali made it to his feet and ran into the bush. He walked for six days before reaching Somalia, but now is stuck in Bossasso, afraid of what may have befallen his wife and five children at home.

"I have no news from my family and no way to go back," Ali said.

Alumni aide the youth of Baltimore

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that he was president during the Second World War. But the students learn, they say. Unfortunately, many of them have not been given the chance.

"The education that some of these kids have received is just a crime," said Mulroe. "There are a lot of great teachers in Baltimore city, but when I see this kind of stuff from students, I just wonder what has been going on in these classrooms for the past 12 years? If we're not doing our best every day, we're just perpetuating that cycle."

In addition, Charatte says that they are still learning how to be teachers as well, in circumstances that are foreign to the experiences they knew in high school and college. Both teachers have over 90 students each under their care, with class sizes often numbering 25 students or more.

"Believe me, it's definitely been a struggle, especially teaching in Baltimore and being in these communities. Coming out of college and out of Loyola everything is so different. I think I've learned more in the three or four months I've been out of school than when I was there," she said. "These kids need to learn something, and you're still self-reflecting about what am I doing

wrong? How should I do this? How can I get this across? It's a challenge."

Mulroe agreed, nodding his head: "I'd say teaching is the hardest thing I've ever done."

While the challenges are great, both teachers agree that what they are doing is worth it, because they are helping students to learn. Charatte and Mulroe are three weeks into their academic year, and they will teach up to four years in the city — two with Teach for America and two with the Baltimore City Public School System, which will pay for their graduate education.

"I was sure that Baltimore was where I wanted to do my teaching. I've just loved this city ever since I went to school here. I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do after I graduated, but I saw the information session that Teach for America gave on campus, and right away I knew this is what I wanted to do," said Mulroe.

"I did a lot of service in West Baltimore with Avila House, and I did tutoring at Patterson Park with Somali refugees. Just from interacting with the communities, I realized there was a complete difference between being in the bubble at Loyola and being outside. Since then I specifically wanted to stay in Baltimore," said Charatte.

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Future shines bright

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risen from years past as 12.3 percent of the new students are of color, with a particular concentration in the African-American and Hispanic communities. In addition to the ethnic diversity, the class is also more balanced in terms of gender makeup. Last year 63 percent of the freshman class was female, while this year that number has dropped to 56 percent.

Another important issue touched upon during the speech was the issue of financial aid. Fr. Linnane made it clear that the goal of the college is to place the financial cost "within the reach of every talented student." To that end, the school is working hard to help every single student meet their financial requirements.

The strategic plan was a vital aspect of Fr. Linnane's address. The plan is constantly evolving as projects are completed and new ideas are brought to the forefront. What is important is that while the plan changes, its principles remain the same. The goal of the strategic plan was defined by Fr. Linnane, "The goal is to make Loyola College the leading Catholic comprehensive University in the nation." The plan is broken down into five sections. The first is to foster a strong Jesuit identity in the College. That can range from the academic curriculum to the school organizations. The second aspect of the plan is to support a vibrant university climate. That reaches from students and faculty to administrators and alumni. A strong desire to live a bold and meaningful life is vital to the campus and to the college. The



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Linnane touched upon issues concerning Loyola's future.

third component as described by Fr. Linnane is a diverse campus. That diversity does not solely rest in ethnic diversity, it extends to diversity of ideas and perspectives. The fourth pillar of the plan is the commitment to civic and community engagement. To live a Jesuit lifestyle one must be committed to the service of others within the Loyola community and outside the community. The final aspect of the plan addresses the need for expansion. To do that the school needs to stay committed to harnessing a broad range of resources.

To complete projects like the library and intercollegiate athletic field, the school must continue to raise funds and commitment from the student body and the alumni base.

Overall the message was a resounding one of success. As Fr. Linnane put it, "The state of the College is excellent."

Health risks associated with puberty

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than if you get it at age 16," said the report's author, biologist Sandra Steingraber, herself a cancer survivor. "For every year we could delay a girl's first menstrual period, we could prevent thousands of breast cancers."

Kavanaugh-Lynch said most breast cancer cells thrive on estrogen, and girls who menstruate early are exposed to more estrogen than normally-maturing girls.

Steingraber's paper, "The Falling Age of Puberty in U.S. Girls: What We Know, What We Need to Know," examines everything from obesity and inactivity to family stress, media imagery and accidental exposures of girls to chemicals that can change the timing of sexual maturation.

Steingraber concludes that early puberty could best be understood as an "ecological disorder," resulting from a variety of environmental hits.

"The evidence suggests that children's hormonal systems are being altered by various stimuli, and that early puberty is the coincidental, non-adaptive outcome," she writes.

Steingraber's report is being released amid growing national interest in how the environment contributes to disease, particularly cancer.

California is at the forefront of the research movement. Among the ongoing efforts:

The California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program, a 5-year, state-funded project, will measure chemical exposures in blood and urine samples from more than 2,000 Californians.

The Bay Area Breast Cancer and the Environment Research Center, a

federally funded project run by scientists at Kaiser Permanente and the University of California, San Francisco, is studying predictors of early puberty through monitoring of environmental exposures in more than 400 Bay Area girls over several years.

For years, parents, doctors and teachers have recognized the trend in early puberty among girls, with little information to explain it.

Dr. Charles Wibbelsman, a pediatrician with Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics committee on adolescents, said he now routinely sees girls as young as 8 with breast development and girls as young as 9 who have started their periods. He said the phenomenon is most striking in African American girls.

"We don't think of third graders as using tampons or wearing bras," he said. In fact, he said, pediatricians are having to adjust the way they do regular check-ups because the older approaches don't jibe with reality.

Steingraber acknowledges that some of the shift in girls' puberty is evolutionary, a reflection of better infectious disease control and improved nutrition, conditions that allow mammals to reproduce.

Rising childhood obesity rates clearly play a role, she said, noting that chubbier girls tend to reach puberty earlier than thinner girls. Levels of leptin, a hormone produced by body fat, is one trigger for puberty, and leptin levels are higher in blacks than in other groups.

But obesity cannot alone be

blamed for the shifts, she said. Steingraber's paper explored many other factors that likely play a role, including exposure to common household chemicals. And she cited findings that link early puberty with premature birth and low birth weight, formula feeding of infants and excessive television viewing and media use.

"My job was to put together a huge jigsaw puzzle," she said. "Each of these studies was a piece of the puzzle."

Steingraber also reported associations of early puberty with emotional and social problems. "The world is not a good place for early maturing girls," she said. "They are at higher risk of depression, early alcohol abuse, substance abuse, early first sexual encounter and unintended pregnancies."

The reasons for this may be related to the way these children are treated or because of the way puberty affects a child's judgment, she said.

"It's possible that developing an adult-style brain at age 10 instead of 14 makes you make decisions about your life that are not really in your best interest," she said.

Priya Batra, a women's health psychologist at Kaiser Permanente in Sacramento, said she's seen the effects of girls who "look like sexual beings before they are ready to be sexual beings," and counseled mothers worried about their daughters entering puberty too early.

"It's a stressful culture, and we have a lot of demands on children," she said. "It's hard when we add this other layer of early puberty."

Industry waging defense of ethanol and biofuels

By BILL LAMBRECHT
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WASHINGTON - Already this year, ethanol has been blamed for more expensive Easter eggs, dying shrimp along the Louisiana coastline and costlier milk in school lunches.

Germans curse biofuels for higher beer costs. In Italy, consumer advocates organized a pasta boycott last week, complaining that pasta prices have soared because farmers grow crops for fuel, not food.

Minnesota bloggers even blamed the I-35 bridge collapse on ethanol, arguing that government money should have gone to bridge repair rather than ethanol subsidies.

Now, with huge new benefits for ethanol pending in Congress, the industry and its allies are waging an offensive against detractors. A group in Miami intends to go so far as to train and dispatch "certified biofuels educators" across the country.

"The biofuels picture isn't perfect. There are certainly flaws in it, and the nation seems to be focusing on those flaws right now," said Rick Tolman, CEO of the National Corn Growers Association, which has its

headquarters in St. Louis.

The twin messages that Tolman wants to convey in new videos and updated studies is that a grocery trip costs more now primarily because of higher energy prices and that farmers are doing a better job with chemicals and fertilizers.

Similarly, an alliance calling itself the Clean Fuels Development Coalition last week distributed a new Ethanol Fact Book arguing that "we can have both food and fuel, and more of both, thanks to ethanol production."

"For years we were criticized for having cheap corn that was encouraging obesity," Tom Buis, president of the National Farmers Union, said at a news conference. "And then this last year when corn got to \$4 (per bushel), it switched to 'you're causing people to starve around the world.'"

The agribusiness interests see spreading these messages as vital with Congress about to decide whether to give fast-growing biofuels a new supercharger by requiring that the nation use 36 billion gallons yearly by 2022 - 15 billion gallons from corn. That is six times what is used today. Next in the schedule: the Senate and House appoint members to decide whether the Senate-passed, 36 billion-gallon mandate survives.

Critics want the ear of Congress, too.

In a report last week called Trouble Downstream, the Washington-based Environmental Working Group and its allies mined

the report contended, and therefore Washington needs to enforce existing rules requiring conservation in return for crop subsidies.

This weekend in Washington,

Tadeusz Patzek, argued Friday that energy savings from ethanol won't be sufficient to prepare for dramatic oil and carbon reductions forced on the United States in coming years.

Replied the Corn Growers' Tolman: "People are feeling threatened and pushing back hard. But biofuels still meets the test of getting us part ways to our goals."

Meanwhile, a non-profit group called the American Biofuels Council intends to organize for the information war in a big way - with so-called certified biofuels educators that train for brief periods in Miami after courses at home.

Council founder and executive director Sean O'Hanlon, who announced the program last week, said his group intends to have 500 people trained and certified within a year for meetings with schools, city councils, legislatures and any group wanting to learn about renewable fuels.

He acknowledged that there will be an as-yet unspecified training fee for materials and that no university or government agency has provided accreditation.

"There's a jihad going on against ethanol right now," O'Hanlon said. "I looked around and saw that nobody was doing this."



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Corn used in ethanol has both positive and negative environmental impacts.

government records to find that nearly 2 billion tons of soil gets eroded each year - and with it nitrate pollution choking rivers and streams on the way to creating a vast swath of "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico.

The problem will only worsen with more corn planted for ethanol,

dozens of experts from 16 countries planned a strategy session and "teach-in" a la the 1960s carrying a message that agro-fuels is a dangerous diversion from the fight against global warming.

One participant, University of California engineering professor

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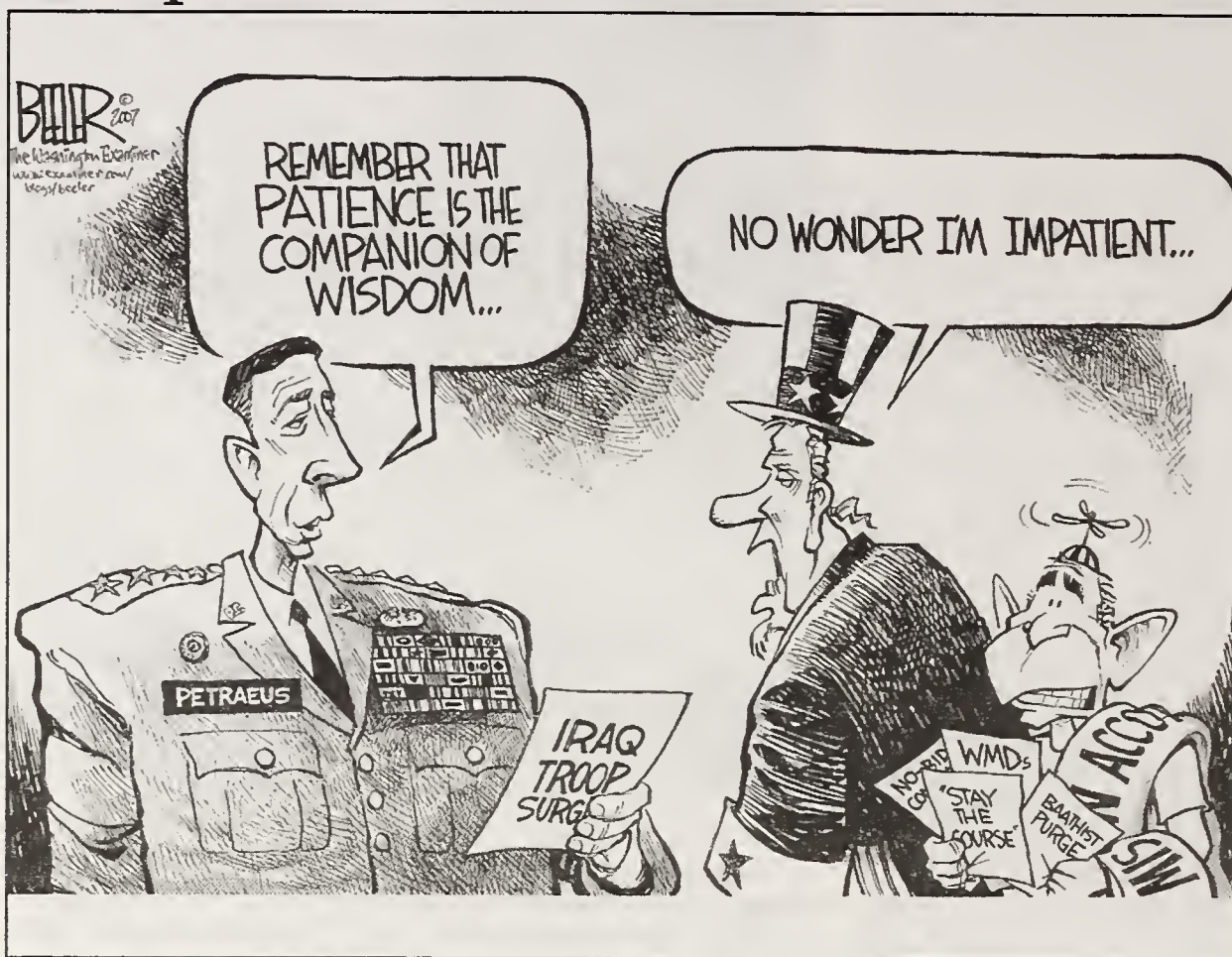
The Greyhound commends the Student Government Association and the College administration for their recent meetings and discussions on achieving a safer campus environment. This follows the incident last Wednesday night when five students were held up at gunpoint on York Road. While this was a major event, sadly it was just another in a long line of incidents since May. The school's effort is a monumentally important one, thus we must stress that the responsibility for achieving a safer environment does not fall onto the shoulders of one party alone. Rather, this effort should be marked by a dynamic and cohesive push by both SGA and the administration to educate students on the dangers of York road, while at the same time improving Loyola's security apparatus in that area.

First, Loyola students need to understand that the best defense against any of these dangers is knowledge of how to conduct yourself, awareness of your surroundings, and motivation to keep yourself and your fellow students safe. The SGA is mounting efforts to educate students, which includes creating a Campus Security Week in conjunction with Fire Safety Week, as well the creation of a panel of students involved in incidents to speak with students. One challenge these efforts must work to overcome is the attitude amongst Loyola students that they are not at risk. It is a naïve perception that we must reverse through shared and sustained dialogue amongst students.

Second, the administration should move with all haste to consider and enact the suggestions made by the SGA committees exploring new security measures. While it is true that students are largely in control of their own safety, there are times when even the most cautious person will fall victim to a crime, violent or otherwise. It is the college's duty, therefore, to help expedite the proper measures with full candor. This includes efforts to standardize cab fares, ensure the working order of cabstands, and increase police visibility on York Road whether that be Loyola Police or BCPD. Of course, students must be cognizant of the fact that there are complications related with all the efforts being explored. Cooperation will be crucial if we hope to achieve any measure of success.

This process, however, cannot be placed on a generic timetable. While ideas such as a shuttle bus to Belvedere Square may have been bounced around committees and boards for several months prior to implementation, the current state of affairs necessitates a rapid response. We at the Greyhound understand that new policies and programs take time to execute carefully and intelligently, but since it is agreed student safety is of our highest concern, we hope these efforts are not lost in red tape.

■ Prepared to take his advice?



Net neutrality would stem corporate power

On May 2, 2007, The New York Times offered one of the most oversimplified explanations of Net Neutrality that could exist in this complex debate between the advocates of "Internet freedom" and the service providers who give users access to the Web. They wrote:

'Net neutrality' is a concept that is still unfamiliar to most Americans, but it keeps the Internet democratic. Cable and telephone companies that provide Internet service are talking about creating a two-tiered Internet, in which web sites that pay them large fees would get priority over everything else.

Opponents of these plans are supporting Net-neutrality legislation, which would require web sites to be treated equally."

The editorial goes on to describe senate legislation that would prohibit Internet providers

from creating such a "two-tiered" Internet, and encourages all legislators who care about the World Wide Web and its users to hop onboard.

The way the editorial board at the Times articulates the debate, drenched in the language of democracy and equal opportunity, how could anybody possibly mount an argument against them?

Net Neutrality is democratic, thus everyone who opposes it is fascist and un-American. It isn't the most balanced or informed view, but the implications the paper alludes to are accurate enough. They are a worst-case scenario in the fight over government regulation of the Internet versus its potential domination by greedy corporate powers.

Either way, both sides predict the similar outcomes if either is let to win: the free and innovative

spirit of the Internet, so essential to its success in fostering business and otherwise, will suffocate and die.

Where did this debate come from? Why now?

Apparently, this conflict didn't exist before 2004, when the FCC got rid of their nondiscrimination safeguards that were put in place 25 years ago to ensure that customers weren't taken for a ride by their cable or telephone providers.

Subsequently, the door was left open for the network providers (in our case Comcast, Verizon, et al.) to increase their share of the broadband market, most of which has been going to web-based businesses and content providers who benefited from the free and open nature of the Web, rather than those cable and telephone

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POLL QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What should Loyola do about the security problem along York Road?

- Increase the amount of Loyola Police in that area at nights and especially on weekends
- Loyola should provide a shuttle service to return back to campus from York Road
- There should be a considerable amount more of safety orientation for freshman students
- I guess I don't see the problem

Last issue's poll: (Results not scientific)

What did you think of SGA's Initium Week concert and BBQ?

- Two thumbs way up for the food and Evolution. (47%)
- It was no Loyola-palooza. (27%)
- The band, Evolution, was not as good as it was hyped up to be. (13%)
- I wish they had served chicken at the BBQ. (13%).

Blame game deters Dems and GOP from any progress

Following the Congressional hearings offered by General David Petraeus, it is incomprehensible that President Bush is able to offer such an optimistic view of our

EMILYCONTILLO

involvement in the war in Iraq, or why Democrats have chosen to attack the General, saying, as Senator Clinton did, that his words demand the "willing suspension of disbelief." It seems that only two explanations are possible. Either, nobody actually listened to a word the General said, or we have so lowered our standards in this war that anything greater than absolute defeat is now akin to improvement or it must be untrue.

Throughout Bush's speech on Thursday, Sept. 13, he did what perhaps any competent politician would do. He manipulated Petraeus' words to push forth his own agenda. Ignoring entirely the excerpts of Petraeus' speech which alluded to the desperate conditions faced by our men and women in uniform, he instead opted to reinforce his notion of a strategy which is progressing, and conditions which are improving. Some may be left to wonder, was President Bush watching the same hearings that so many of us watched on C-Span?

What I saw was a U.S. Army general basically pleading for further guidance from our leaders in Washington. As he repeated time and time again, his role has been to help create a strategy to best achieve the goals as they are given to him. He does not create the objectives which our troops are assigned to complete. This is a point that not only escaped our commander in chief,

but proved to elude also our elected members of Congress.

At this week's hearings, Petraeus was hit repeatedly with the question of "When?" When can our troops begin coming home in large numbers? When will their return be complete? Members of Congress grew frustrated when Petraeus did not offer benchmarks or timetables, which they were hoping for. However, this is not Petraeus' mistake.

It simply does not fall under the scope of his expertise. Our troops come home, logically, when a sense of victory or even moderate success can be felt. While "Mission Accomplished" was declared onboard the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln on May 1, 2003, it is now increasingly apparent that we were still years away from accomplishing our mission.

This, of course, is further complicated by our politicians shying away from clearly laying out a political objective, perhaps in fear that it will never be achieved. Until that target is created and made clear, it will continue to be impossible to see into the future and predict when we can and will leave Iraq. While Americans and members of Congress mutually find this incredibly frustrating, only the latter have any actual control over the situation.

Of course, it brings up the politically unpopular question of why our Congress voted us into this war to begin with, so unfortunately we may be waiting indefinitely for those answers.

It will be very unfortunate if Congress continues to squander the opportunity created by General Petraeus' presence.

His testimony was, at times, difficult to watch, thanks in large part to the finger wagging and verbal thrashing which was laid

upon him by Republicans and Democrats alike.

Many political observers have credited this aggression partially to the fact that five of the Senators who grilled the general are currently running for president.

I think, rather, that Senators are lashing out at Petraeus because he is somewhat of an easy target. They are not able to fire questions at President Bush, or at many of those in his cabinet (past and present) who seemingly misguided Congress to hastily approve this war. Nor are they on the receiving end of a barrage of questions about why they agreed to approve this war without asking any questions regarding its legitimacy.

Unfortunately, by choosing to demonize Petraeus, they are wasting what could be valuable testimony. I cannot recall a stronger image to support of changing the course we have chosen in Iraq than seeing the general sitting at a desk in Washington, with his heavily decorated uniform, explaining that he is not even sure that our presence has made the United States a safer place.

America is finally (in a manner of speaking) standing together in support of bringing our men and women in the armed services home. We must be careful not to let our anger about this war be directed in the wrong place, as it so easily can be. Only once our elected representatives in the executive and legislative branches rewrite this policy and create, as Senator Reed said, "clear and achievable missions," will we be able to end our presence in that region once and for all.

In the meantime, let us not use this General, or any other soldier, as a punching bag. They are perhaps the only people not playing politics.

Intentions of trans-fat ban hinder personal freedom

No success with Weight Watchers, the Atkins or South Beach diet? The FAC just not doing it for you? Well have no fear -- the government is here!

MARYMcELROY

Recently, city and state governments have begun to take on a new role, a role involving that of the personal health consultant. As of Dec 5, 2006 New York City became the first city to ban trans fat, a special kind of fat caused by the hydrogenation process.

Many cities, including Chicago, Seattle, and Baltimore, are looking to follow suit.

A few years before this, the Federal Drug Administration set 2005 as the required date for all food labels to declare the amount of trans fats inside that particular product.

Delegates in the Maryland State legislature have even introduced legislation to ban the fat in the entire state.

OK, a government law which will help me lose weight and stay healthy? Now, that doesn't seem so bad. Maryland House Speaker Michael E. Busch thinks so. He was quoted as saying, "If it passes...I'll lose 15 pounds." But before you all go out

and buy a smaller wardrobe, we should consider what we are accepting.

What makes us American citizens is our ability to live our life as we see fit. This holds true about many of us. So long as my life does not interfere with the freedoms of others, my life is my choice. Just as I have the freedom to count my calories and drink eight glasses of water a day, I also have the freedom to put chocolate syrup on my Primo's waffles, go to Fells Point in January without a coat, or watch television instead of going to the FAC.

Freedom is hard work, it involves weighing the costs and benefits of certain choices and being responsible for the effects of these choices, it is not for the weak. By allowing the government to infringe upon our choices we are saying that we are not mature enough to make them. We are allowing the government to dictate to us how we should live our lives regarding what we consume.

If this occurs, then what is next, mandatory fitness sessions at the gym? How about bans on milk chocolate? Hamburgers?

Now this may seem ridiculous, but didn't the government of New York City, just ban certain types of butters and margarines from, I might add, privately owned restaurants?

Although the city of Baltimore has already followed New York in banning smoking from restaurants, I feel they should in no way follow New York in banning trans fat. I write this with nothing against my hometown, but we must keep in mind that this is a city which has, in the past, banned the Mr. Softy ice cream truck from playing its music, citing it as a "noise pollution." I am also in no way trying to downplay the dangers of consuming too much trans fat. It is a preventable health risk -- however it is not the duty of the government to prevent it.

As a capitalist society, the free market can dictate whether restaurants serve trans fat or not.

If enough citizens choose not to eat harmful trans fat, restaurants will catch onto this trend and stop serving it.

The government has the right to educate us about which choices are more beneficial to our health and to warn us about certain health concerns such as obesity, but they should have no power to dictate to us how we should go about losing weight. If I want to be fat, I have the right as an American to be fat.

Besides, all this is bad business for Weight Watchers.

On the Quad

If you could create a class at Loyola what would it be?

By Betsy Van Langen



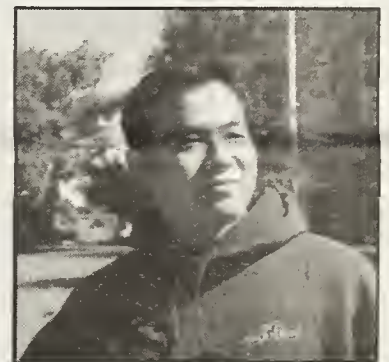
"An intro class for design majors that teaches CS3."

Liz Samolis, '08, Digital Media and Photography



"An Internet and interactive media class that deals with advanced flash and action script."

Caroline Marshall '08, Communications and Digital Media Advertising



"Asian studies or Asian politics."

Blake Fan '11, Business Management, Finance



"A class on debate."

Leon Ramsey Jr. '11, Psychology and Political Science



"How to rule the world."

Kristian Monroe '11, Political Science and Public Relations

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Political races seek candidates ready to address struggling city

This past week voters here in Baltimore went to the polls to vote in the primary election.

CHRISTOPHER NELSON

Given that the majority of Baltimore's residents are registered Democrats, November's general election is but a formality.

It's safe to say that Tuesday's winners will all be sworn into office.

When each individual is sworn in, it will mark the first time in the city's history that two African-American women hold the two top jobs in city government.

Sheila Dixon who became Baltimore's first African-American female mayor when Martin O'Malley was elected governor will remain the city's chief executive.

The woman who replaced her, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, will continue to serve as City Council president.

Many have noted this historic moment, but Dixon's and Rawlings-Blake's elections could have even greater significance, because they may represent the dawning of a new era in local politics.

Mayor Sheila Dixon faced a worthy opponent in Keiffer Mitchell, Jr. Mitchell is one of the famed Mitchell clan.

The Mitchell's for so long were often compared to another famous political clan, the Kennedys.

Mitchell's grandfather Clarence was a noted lobbyist who was sometimes

referred to as the "101st senator" because of his influence in Washington, his grandmother Juanita Jackson Mitchell was a civil rights activist and the first African-American woman to attend the University of Maryland law.

Other family members were in the past elected to local and state offices.

Respected in the African-American community and the community at large for decades there has always been a Mitchell involved in city government.

That was, however, until now.

Mitchell's defeat shows that the Mitchell family may no longer be as beloved as it once was.

Dixon was able to capitalize on two decades of service in city government.

Her years as a city council member, and as city council president helped her engender wide spread support.

Key to her victory was also her ability to raise money.

This may have been a skill she picked up from longtime ally and mentor Martin O'Malley.

For years she waited in the wings and toiled in O'Malley's shadow.

Many believe she long ago set her sight

on becoming mayor. Supporters helped her ensure an opportunity to build her own legacy.

Another woman waiting for the opportunity to prove her political savvy is City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

Rawlings-Blake grew up here in Baltimore the daughter of a politician. her father, the late Howard "Pete" Rawlings, was a

respected state legislator, and her mother, a doctor, Nina Rawlings.

Rawlings-Blake appeared groomed for a life in politics having studied political science as an undergraduate

and later earning a law degree.

Rawlings-Blake also faced a noteworthy opponent, Michael Sarbanes.

Sarbanes is currently the executive director of a neighborhood planning and policy group as well as a practicing attorney.

Sarbanes also comes from a political family.

His father was Maryland's longest serving United States Senator the now retired Paul Sarbanes, and his brother John is now a U.S. Congressman.

The race between the two candidates for City Council President was much closer than

the race for mayor.

Still Rawlings-Blake was successful due in part to her connection to Governor O'Malley, as well as through support of people who see her as a visionary leader much like her late father.

Politics in Baltimore always prove to be interesting to watch.

Often, as is the case in other cities across the nation we see a city which struggles to accomplish many social goals. Baltimore is no exception.

The city wants to significantly lower its crime rate as well as create a higher standard in the quality schools.

This diverse city also struggles with the task of attracting residents who will assist in maintaining a strong sense of community.

While Baltimoreans are typically loyal to longtime political leaders, voters in Baltimore are also known to be very demanding. Incumbent candidates are often tough competitors but they are not necessarily unstoppable. If this election is any indication, the bar will only be raised in future elections.

Baltimore is certainly on the lookout for women and men who are capable of leading, who are capable of performing, and who are capable of reforming city government.

Having a certain name or pedigree, it appears, will no longer equal a seat in city government.

A seat at the table will have to be earned.

That's what she said: Not getting worked up with group work

This week I received a letter from a junior girl. In her letter, she writes, "One of my classes is requiring me to do a group project next week. I hate group projects more than anything but teachers are always making me do them anyway. How am I going to survive with my sanity intact?"

COURTNEY CARBONE

Here is my response:

We all know the feeling. The teacher says something about an upcoming group assignment and your heart sinks lower than your QPA. Which, at this point, is really low. You have no option but to look at the list of names and casually glance around the room.

The kid with all the dirty tissues? Great. The girl who thinks no one can hear her cell phone vibrate while it sits there, flashing, on her desk. Awesome. And you don't even know the other guy, but you think your roommate might have once freshman year.

Here's the thing: professors love the stuff because they believe that projects of this sort effectively simulate "collaborative real world office scenarios."

Right.

I have seen every episode ever made of "The Office" and not once have I ever seen Michael ask the crew to speak for 15-20 minutes on the internal organization of a plant cell.

Why? Because everyone knows plant cells aren't real. And neither are collaborative real world office scenarios.

I don't understand how professors don't realize half of the time we just break the assignment up into parts and do it individually anyway.

Unfortunately, this is not always an option, so I will get on with it.

The best way to deal with this scenario is to bite the bullet. Agree to meet in a specified location once (and only once). Make sure it's neutral and on your side of campus. You'll probably forget to go

until five minutes before anyway. What about having them over to your place?

Do not volunteer your apartment unless you are actually willing to clean your bathroom and/or provide some kind of snacks. Hint: you're not.

Make a point of getting each other's e-mail addresses after class as a formality (you can usually just look them up in the directory if you need to).

And if you are feeling especially ambitious, you could suggest exchanging cell numbers. Understand, however, that this might lead to unwanted phone calls after the project has ended.

Remember the cardinal rule of group projects: GROUP PROJECT MEMBERS ARE NOT YOUR FRIENDS.

However, it does make sense to be courteous throughout the entire process. Chances are good that these people don't want to be in your group, either.

Now is the time to survey your three group member options: (1) the person that does everything, (2) the person that does nothing, or (3) the person that insists on e-mailing the professor questions about every little mundane detail of the assignment.

Don't be that kid.

Make sure to show up on time for the meeting. Don't be hung over or drunk.

Do try to craftily find out if the project is graded on an individual basis or as a group. If it is a presentation based on individual performance, make sure to speak up, but don't take credit for another member's contribution. That's just wrong.

Feel free, however, to look visibly upset if someone in your group is doing a bad job of explaining something. Or using too many tissues.

Note: At some point while you are standing before the class, you may become worried that everyone is staring at you, judging you, hating you. This is a normal human thought process because, of course, it's probably true. At the end of the presentation, resist the urge to rock forward and backward on the balls of your feet and do that awkward "one clap" thing. You know what I'm talking about. Instead, all you need to do to signify

that you are done is to ask, "Are there any questions?" and sit down before anyone can think of one.

Congratulations! Though not completely unscathed, you managed to survive a group

project.

After the actual presentation, you only have to say hi to your group members for the next two classes.

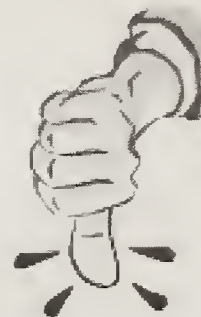
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THUMBS BY G.M. BLUTH AND MAEBY FUNKE

In our four years, Loyola has gotten some of the biggest names on the stand-up comedy circuit. The senior class has seen Brewer, Black, Cook, Gaffigan, and now Swardson. This thumb is our way of thanking Loyola for shelling out some undoubtedly big bucks to get us the laughs we need to start off the year... so that's where our tuition money goes.

For the last nine or so years, Loyola's Outdoor Adventure Experience program has been a hidden gem of near-philanthropy. OAE offers its resources to Loyola students, at insanely low costs (as in \$10 for a tent/ weekend). Loyola students can go on trips almost any weekend of the year that would make any boy scout quiver with delight... we should rephrase that, shouldn't we?

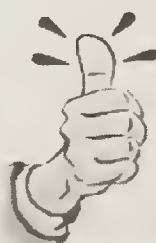
Almost 10 years after Matthew Shepard was murdered for being gay his legacy still lives on. This year the Matthew Shepard Act (HR 1592) was passed by the House and is expected to be passed by the Senate this year. It is a bill that would include sexual orientation in the 1969 federal hate crime law. This is one more step to ensuring the so-called inalienable rights ... a few hundred years after the Bill of Rights.



After writing all of those positive thumbs, we need to take a sip of water... from a TAP! Dear God no! A tap? In a recent TIME magazine article it was revealed that one bottle of Fiji water accounts for a few POUNDS of greenhouse gas emissions. Plus, the fuel emissions of the jet flight from Fiji to L.A. (Fiji Water's HQ), and the fact that only one quarter of the bottles are recycled (leaving two million pounds of landfill-bound garbage), these little aquatic devils don't seem to be worth the hype-2-O.

A message to all of Loyola: Stop getting mugged... that is all.

So remember the aforesummed Matthew Shepard Act? Yeah, well everyone's favorite president, George W. Bush, has promised to veto the act, should it reach his desk (and in all probability it will). This bill would do nothing but protect and include people and, yet again, the Republican administration feels that that would just be TOO much equality. Good point, Georgie. Good point.



Internet regulation not "neutral"

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companies that provide access.

Those content providers and web-based businesses saw this situation and said to themselves, "Uh oh. Comcast could try and control access to the Internet to make more money for themselves. We need a law to stop this."

Suddenly the future of the Internet has been put into question.

Will the Internet be regulated by the government to stop corporate control and abuse?

Or will the government take a hands-off approach, leaving network providers free to break the Internet into tiers based on the level of fees paid by users? Or will it stay basically the same?

Before I choose a side to lambaste, I should first briefly lay out the arguments from both sides.

The advocates of Net Neutrality define their slogan as the very principle that makes the Internet a force that has revolutionized our tiny blue planet.

Currently, the control over the World Wide Web lies with its users, the "edges" of the network as Vinton G. Cerf, Vice President and "Internet Evangelist" for Google calls them. In this way the Web is decentralized, free for innovation and creativity, and its power is vested in the common people that make up the majority of its users -- a very democratic principle they like to emphasize.

Network providers, on the other hand, represent the real possibility that this free and open Internet might be put in jeopardy, as these corporations are capable of tactics that could strip away open access to the Web, in favor of greater returns through toll-like fees.

Google VP Cerf put it this way in his testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee on this issue last summer, "[A] clear and present danger...confronts us: replacing the open and innovative Internet owned by the many, with a closed and proprietary system controlled by a few."

The side representing the interests of the network providers, on the other hand, say this has all been blown way out of proportion, and that placing such regulations on the network providers would in effect bring about the same consequences the "net-neutralizers" are trying to avoid.

They call the Net Neutrality position a solution that is looking for a problem. In the same senate debate I alluded to earlier, Walter McCormick, the President and CEO of the U.S. Telecom Association had this to say:

"I would like...to advise caution in the so-called 'net neutrality' debate... Consumers today have -- and will continue to have -- the freedom to call or e-mail whomever they choose, and to visit any legal website without being blocked, without their service being impaired or degraded....The notion that Congress should rush to regulate the Internet -- in anticipation of a problem that may never manifest -- is dangerous.

This extreme position would not preserve the free and open Internet we enjoy today, it would certainly stifle its future development and growth."

To Verizon and Comcast and the rest, the question is less about them as a threat to a free and open Internet, but more about their right to develop and grow as companies in their markets.

(And to dominate them if they should so choose, but promise not to, of course.) But, the question of net-neutrality is parsed down to this: The Internet should be free and open for whom?

Everyone is the popular answer, and the

right one in the generally vacuous world of ethics.

But in our reality, and a basic principle of economics, not everybody can have an equal share. So what's the best choice?

Network providers have pledged -- and continue to pledge -- their allegiance to the American values of open markets and freedom of speech and all that jazz.

Their position is that they are just as much a part of the American dream as the Joes they provide Internet access to.

I agree, they started out small just like every other small business who makes a buck off the web, and they made it big.

More power to them. But in the end it comes down to responsibility.

Stan Lee said in Spiderman or something (sorry for using this, but it's too easy), that "with great power comes great responsibility."

And in this case, those with the greatest power to do the most damage -- Verizon, Comcast et al -- their responsibilities lie with their investors, and not necessarily with the consumer or small businesses.

For full text of the senate debate visit <http://judiciary.senate.gov/hearing.cfm?id=1937>.

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Epithet tarnishes Coffee House

September 6, 2007 kicked off the first Coffee House of a brand new school year. Baby-faced freshmen entered the first time to the sounds of guitar and microphone as they helped themselves to freshly brewed coffee and danishes.

As the night progressed the last two performers ended with Brooklyn's finest, the rapper Notorious B.I.G's "Juicy." With the appearance of an MC the performers sung the chorus as the crowd seemed to be enjoying the flow. However, the moment suddenly came to an abrupt halt when I heard the N-word.

I second-guessed myself for a moment and had to ask someone if I heard correct. Here at Loyola College, a Jesuit institution I'm subjected to hearing a term many find offensive and one that is highly politically incorrect? I caught a few students looking at each other uncomfortably. The MC, wearing a New York fitted baseball cap, rapping to a Biggie song, and having friends who want to be seen as "urban" by playing the part of hype man, does not justify use of the word.

In addition, at Loyola where the student body is predominantly white, the word may only resonate to some as a word in a hip-hop song, but to others it resonates as one

that is deeply rooted in a bloody history.

I don't know the relevance of the word even if it was in the song. What I do know is that Loyola's history is deeply rooted in a Jesuit Christian tradition and based on that tradition the word is not only politically incorrect but wrong to use, and therefore should not have been.

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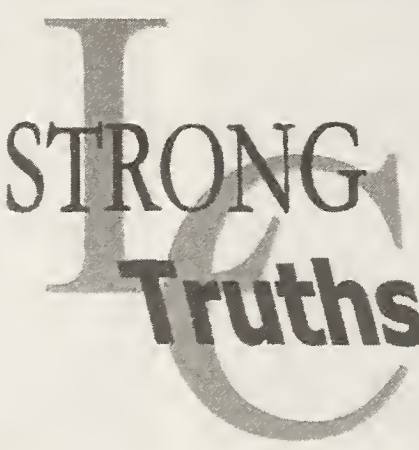
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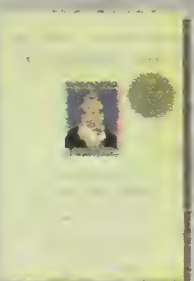

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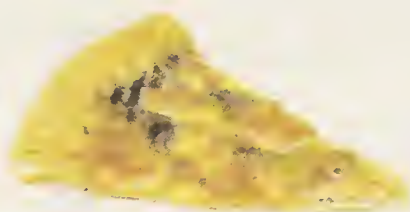
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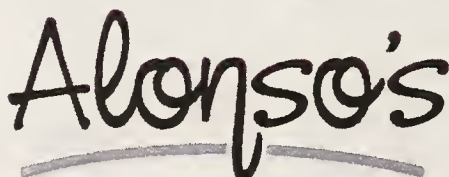
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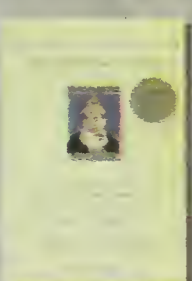

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Swardson thrills sold-out show with racy humor

By JAMES MATAMOROS
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Nick Swardson thrilled Loyola College this past Friday night with racy over-the-top humor and poignant commentary on the finer points of college life. Students were falling out of their seats with laughter as Swardson so aptly detailed the trials and tribulations of drinking, drugs and college roommates.

Swardson's jokes were not restricted to college life however, and ran the gamut from high-fiving monkeys to pet cheetahs to crude senior citizens. His vivid storytelling and lavish embellishments paired up with his slightly effeminate style were a huge hit. Clearly he had no intention of cleaning up his act, as almost every joke was laden with obscenities and crudities. While this overuse of foul language did put a slight blemish on some jokes it did not tarnish the entirety of the show.

Swardson's jokes were not limited to the stage, as he continued his antics during an interview after the show. When asked which Hollywood celebrities he aspires to work with, Swardson quickly retorted:

"Dame Judy Dench is someone that I really want to work with in the future. Also, I'm keeping my fingers crossed that I can do a movie with Jeremy Irons."

Clearly untainted by Hollywood, Swardson and his opening act Jay Larson, who also pleased the crowd Friday night, were extremely approachable and glad to sign autographs and answer questions after the show.

"I always wanted to be a comedian," Nick admitted, "Growing up in Minnesota, there wasn't a lot to do for entertainment, so we had to entertain ourselves. I was just always the person making everyone laugh. It's not hard to come up with material for shows. I just write down a joke if I hear

something funny or experience something funny with my friends. Eight out of nine times it can evolve into something I can use on-stage."

Swardson said it was also his love for Saturday Night Live that inspired him to strive towards an acting career. After high school he began doing shows in local comedy clubs and almost immediately began moving to bigger and bigger venues.

His first big break came when comedian Jamie Kennedy asked him to co-write the script for "Malibu's Most Wanted." Since then, Swardson has established himself as a serious actor working on such films as "Click," "Blades of Glory," and "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry." He had also lent his writing skills to the likes of "Grandma's Boy" and "The

Benchwarmers" and is currently working on a script with Adam Sandler.

Swardson claims that his most rewarding work came from the set of "Reno 911," where he plays a roller skating taco boy who is selling much more than Mexican food. "The entire show is improvised," says Swardson. "We just sit in a room and throw ideas back and forth and when something seems funny enough, we film it."

Swardson is most known for his role in "Grandma's Boy" as Jeff, a video game enthusiasts living with his parents and still sleeping in a racecar bed. One of the more notable scenes in the movie features Jeff showing off his skills at the Dance Dance Revolution game. "I get challenged a lot to throw down and show my DDR

skills," says Swardson, "In reality I can't play the game at all. I went to an arcade while preparing for the role hoping to play a bit and found the game surrounded by a group of young teenagers. When they saw me checking out the game, one of them demanded that I show my skills. I ran out and decided I didn't really need to know how to play."

Right before ending the interview, we were joined by a small group of SGA leaders who thanked Swardson for his wonderful job and for coming to Loyola. He said that he would love to be true to his word and party with the students, but he had to get a finished script to Adam Sandler the next week. Nick Swardson might not see himself as "one of the guys" but it's clear that he is a comedic force to be reckoned with.



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(top) Comedian Nick Swardson performed in Reitz Arena on Friday. He mused on the truths of college life as well as thinking out loud about his future as an old person and his adventures with high-fiving monkeys. After the show, he continued the comedy by talking to *The Greyhound* about Dance Dance Revolution and future projects.

(above) A sold out crowd of almost 1000 fans of comedy eagerly wait in their seats to be entertained by Swardson and his opening act. The arena was so packed that additional seating had to be provided for ticket holders.

(left) Jay Larson from Comedy Central opened for Swardson. Originally from Boston, Larson discussed his distaste for rubber ducks and his butterfly-reincarnated grandmother.

The greatest soda mascot never seen in the U.S.

By DANIEL BEYER
STAFF WRITER

Over the years, sodas have had commercials featuring various mascots or spokespeople such as the Coca-Cola bears or the “Make 7UP Yours” guy. These commercials, as well as the mascots that star in them, are effective due to how enduring and/or humorous the mascots are. However, none of these even comes close to the brilliance of a series of twelve commercials for Pepsi from the 1990s featuring Pepsiman, the greatest mascot never seen on American television. Thankfully though, today, due to the power of Youtube, the Pepsiman commercials are available to view in all their glory.

By this time, I am sure that you are asking just who Pepsiman is and why it is that no one has ever heard of him? Pepsiman is Pepsi-Cola’s superhero mascot who travels the world on a mission to provide Pepsi to thirsty civilians. He wears a chain around his neck and has no distinguishing facial characteristics, save for the circular mouth that appears whenever he must dispense Pepsi to the masses. His metallic body has an athletic build and is styled after the Pepsi logo. While he was originally colored silver and red, when Pepsi redesigned its logo in 1997 to blue and silver, Pepsiman was changed as well.

As for why no one in the United States has ever heard of Pepsiman, the reason is that he and the ads in which he was featured were the product of the Pepsi Corporation’s Japanese branch. Produced in the mid-to-late nineties, these commercials were, sadly, only aired in Japan and Korea where they



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Pepsiman, the shiny, muscled mascot of Pepsi’s Japanese division, has been a staple figure in commercials advertising the product overseas since the 1990s. The character has been so popular that he has even been featured in popular video games and has had action figures modeled after him. Pepsiman is a fine example of how Japanese advertising greatly differs and outdoes American commercials.

were extremely successful. Pepsiman actually became so successful that in 1996 he was featured in the Japanese version of the fighting video game “Fighting Vipers,” before being given a starring role in the Pepsiman game in 1999 for the Playstation, which was also only available in Japan.

The basic formula for a Pepsiman commercial is as follows: somewhere there is a person or a group of people in dire need

of a beverage to quench their thirst. Suddenly, Pepsiman arrives on the scene in a dramatic entrance while his jazzy theme song plays in the background, wherein he distributes the much-needed Pepsi to the thirsty people. In the process of doing this, though, he often accidentally inflicts painful injuries to himself, such as by snowboarding off a cliff or diving off a building into a pool. The commercial ends by changing to a shot

of a Pepsi can that mimics the fate that befell Pepsiman himself moments earlier.

What made the Pepsiman commercials so excellent is the originality in the humor behind them. The idea of a Pepsi superhero is ridiculous, but what makes it funny in the first place is how, despite that fact, Pepsiman is portrayed as a serious hero. The slapstick manner in which Pepsiman proceeds to injure himself only adds to the humor. To top it off, the Pepsiman theme song that plays in every commercial is priceless, with the chorus singing “Pepsiman!” over a jazz-style rhythm. The first time I heard the theme song I could not get it out of my head for a week.

I just cannot understand why Pepsi of America has never incorporated Pepsiman in their commercials. The majority of the ads that featured the soft-drink superhero were superior to, not to mention more memorable than, most of the commercials that have been broadcast during the SuperBowl over the past few years. Furthermore, I can personally attest to just how effective they were because I used to be a fan of Coca-Cola, but after I saw those commercials for the first time I went out, bought a Pepsi, and have favored it ever since.

I do not mean to sound as if I am endorsing Pepsi, but the fact of the matter is that the character of Pepsiman was one of the most creative and effective mascots I’ve ever seen. He will probably never be featured on television stateside; although he could possibly become a viral video craze.

One thing that is for certain, though, is that Pepsiman is a perfect example of how Japanese television is superior to American television.

7-Year Stretch
Recreational Sports
1st Ever
FAC Membership
Appreciation Day & Open House
Tuesday, September 18th
6am-8pm @ the FAC

Membership Appreciation!!!
This day will be a celebration of our Members (Students, Alumni, Faculty Staff, Administrators, Families, etc.) to thank them for their support over the past 7 years.

Open House!!!
On this day, all Faculty, Staff/ Administrators who are not currently FAC Members are welcome to utilize the facility and participate in the day’s programs and activities, FREE!

Programs & Activities!!!
Recreational Sports will be offering a wide variety of FREE activities and program demonstrations. This will allow the college community to participate in activities and programs that they may never have experienced or have always wanted to participate in such as SCUBA, Dance Classes, Kayaking, and much more.

FREE Give-A-Ways!!!
There will be FREE Give-A-Ways all day to include: t-shirts, frisbees, snowballs, water bottles, pens, and much more. (limited quantity)

Sidewalk Sale!!!
There will be a Sidewalk Sale from 10am - 6pm to help support our student-employees’ registration and travel for National and Regional Recreational Conferences. Some of the items available include new t-shirts, Club Sports jerseys, basketballs, soccer balls, other sports equipment, books, outdoor equipment, Nalgene Bottles, Aerobic Steps, Reebok Exercise Slides and much more.

College Shuttle!!!
Transportation and Parking will be running a dedicated shuttle from 11am - 2pm from the Jenkins Lot to the FAC to provide Loyola Faculty/ Staff/ Administrators an easy way to drop by on their Lunch Break.

For more information please contact Chris Archacki @ carchacki@loyola.edu

FAC Membership Appreciation Day
& Open House
Schedule of Activities and Programs

Activity	Time
FREE Give-A-Ways (Limited Quantity)	6am - 8pm
Prize Drawings...Every Hour	6am - 8pm
Recreational Sports Program Marketing Table	6am - 8pm
Meet & Greet Department Administrators	6am - 7pm
Hot Tub Ducks	6am - 4:30pm
Wellness Table	10am-6pm
Extended Climbing Wall Hours	10am - 10pm
Sidewalk Sale	10am - 6pm
Milestone Member Luncheon	12pm - 1:30pm
Belay Certification & Safety Orientation Clinic	12pm - 2pm & 8pm - 10pm
Adult Swim Stroke Clinic	12pm - 12:30pm & 12:30pm - 1pm
Snowballs	12pm - 7pm
Leave No Trace Camping Class	3pm - 4pm
Cal Ripken Quick Ball	3pm - 6pm
FAC Outdoor Games (Volleyball, Bocce Ball, Horseshoes)	3pm - 6pm
Backcountry Baking Class (Weather Permitting)	4pm - 5pm
Instructional Dance Class Demonstration	4:30pm - 5:30pm
Healthy Spine Screenings	5pm - 7pm
Inflatable Toys in the Pool	6:30pm - 8pm
Introduction to Kayaking Class	6:30pm - 8pm
SCUBA Demonstration	7pm - 8pm
How to Roll a Kayak Class	8pm - 9pm

In addition to activities and programs above, all normally scheduled programs will be offered to all Members and Non-Members.

The young hopeful (and hopeless) actors of today



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Shia LaBeouf is one of Hollywood's few young stars that has managed to keep his reputation clean and his resume professional. His career has been promising so far, with blockbuster hits like 2007's "Transformers" opening new doors for the 21-year old.

BY SARA CARR
MOVIE CRITIC

When I read the story by Vanity Fair about how Shia LaBeouf could be the next Tom Hanks it made me realize that it may be true. If he is the next Tom Hanks, then who will be the next Meryl Streep? Julia Roberts?

George Clooney? Each generation has its own group of actors that they can relate to. Our generation has its own promising stars of the future as well as those who may have prematurely overstayed their welcome. Such is the case with Lindsay Lohan, who was also on the cover of Vanity Fair four years ago next to other young female actresses and was dubbed as a great teen star.

Shia LaBeouf has quickly built up a strong resume and has churned out three blockbuster movies this year alone including: "Disturbia," "Surf's Up" and "Transformers." Now the latest "It" boy has an impressive line-up of films on his plate that includes the long awaited fourth installment of the "Indiana Jones" series with the title of "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull." And he is already attached to reteam with his "Disturbia" director D. J. Caruso for the 2008 thriller "Eagle Eye," a film that gives him the part of a young man who, along with his mother, becomes unwittingly mixed up with a terrorist cell's plot.

Another important note is the fact that he was named the ShoWest Male Star of Tomorrow, an award given to Ryan Gosling in 2004 and Heath Ledger in 2001, both of whom are Oscar nominees. In spite of all the success that he has earned, Shia refrains from the pitfalls of young stardom. Coming from a notoriously tough neighborhood in L.A. called Echo Park, he truly appreciates and understands the position that he is in. He has expressed in interviews that he knows that he can't mess up in his personal life. If only every great talent had this wisdom at the age of 21.

Lindsay Lohan was once poised to become the star of our generation. In 2007, however, she became less famous for her work and more famous for her troubled rehab hopping. Her multiple DUIs, club hopping, and her now infamous drunken car chase this past summer sold more tabloids than her films sold tickets. Her last few flicks have been nothing short of bombs with titles like this summer's "I Know Who Killed Me" and "Georgia Rule." In fact, her last hit was "Herbie Fully Loaded" which came out in 2005 and was, ironically, a wholesome Disney movie. It seems to me that the girl who once said that she wanted to win an Oscar by 30 peaked at 17 years old with 2000s first teen classic, "Mean Girls".

Another star dipped out of the limelight is former heartthrob Josh Hartnett. Rather than tangles with the police, however, his fall is due to poor career choices. Like Lohan, he was also considered to be a hot commodity a few years ago, but his star has burned out rather quickly. His past few films: "The Black Dahlia," "Lucky Number Slevin," "Wicker Park" and "Hollywood Homicide" all floundered with critics and audiences alike. To be fair, "Sin City" was a hit, but he was far from the headliner of the ensemble that centered on Bruce Willis's character.

He has quite a few film projects lined up that include plotlines that do not always sound promising. "30 Days of Night" is about an Alaskan town under siege by vampires while the skies are blanketed by darkness for one month. (I just pray that he was paid well to agree to this kind of film). His other upcoming film, "August," sounds promising, however, and involves two young brothers trying to salvage their small

startup company on Wall Street one month before the September 11th terrorist attacks.

On a more positive note, James McAvoy is a promising newcomer who past projects, "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe" and "The Last King of Scotland" were both critical and commercial successes. His future projects includes the Oscar bait "Atonement" with Keira Knightley, the action flick "Wanted" with Morgan Freeman and Angelina Jolie and "Frost Flower" with Holly Hunter. All three of these projects have great plots and starring roles for him. He has earned his chance through his growing resume that includes his BAFTA award (the British Oscar), the Rising Star Award and the Chopard Trophy at the most highly regarded film festival, Cannes, for his brilliant performances.

The three strongest young actresses from our generation are Keira Knightley, Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson. All have been nominated for the big awards including Academy Awards and Golden Globes. Not to mention the fact that all three have had blockbuster successes and Indie cred. I chose these three women because of their great potential and the lack of scandal in their personal lives. Not everyone is Lindsay Lohan, but the tabloids never cover good behavior, unfortunately.

With our highs and lows on the acting front, much faith remains for the actors of our generation. The Shia LaBeoufs, Natalie Portmans, and the batch of promising newcomers leave me confident that we can look forward to quite a few great performances and have actors who we can claim as our own.

Baltimore area concerts take over main clubs

Ram's Head Live!

20 Market Place, Baltimore

September:

19th: Regina Spektor
22nd: Trick Pony
24th: Cradle of Filth/CKY/Gwar
26th: Queens of the Stone Age
29th: Brandi Carlile
30th: The Roots

October:

2nd: Boys Like Girls/All Time Low
3rd: Kings of Leon/Black Rebel Motorcycle Club
13th: Blues Traveler
12th: Boyz II Men
15th: Hot Hot Heat
18th: Behemoth/Job for a Cowboy
19th: Puddle of Mudd/Saliva
23rd: Danzig
24th: New Found Glory/Senses Fail
25th: Bayside
26th: She Wants Revenge
30th: Underoath/Everytime I Die
31st: Morrissey



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Sonar

407 E. Saratoga St, Baltimore

September:

21st: The Mountain Goats/Bowerbirds
23rd: Arch Enemy/Machine Head
29th: Andrew Bird

October:

3rd: Common/Q-Tip
5th: Stella, Wake Up!/Hello Maybel/The Second Sunrise
6th: Cartel
11th: Vast Aire/Genesis
16th: Gogol Bordello
17th: Insane Clown Posse/Motown Rage
19th: Mute Math/Eisley
20th: HIM/Bleeding Through
22nd: The Lawrence Arms/American Steel
23rd: The Academy Is!/Armor for Sleep/The Rocket Summer
25th: Wu Tang Clan/Paul Wall
31st: Down



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Recher Theatre

512 York Rd, Towson

September:

20th: Teddy Geiger
21st: Fools & Horses
22nd: All Time Low
26th: Finger Eleven/Sick Puppies
27th: U2/August Burns Red

October:

3rd: Drowning Pool
5th: Jimmie's Chicken Shack
8th: Hurt
11th: Secondhand Serenade/Rookie of the Year
6th: Twizted

November:

1st: Saosin/Norma Jean/Alexisonfire/Envy on the Coast
3rd: Skindred/Nonpoint
7th: The Spill Canvas/PlayRadioPlay!
19th: Kottonmouth Kings
20th: VNV Nation

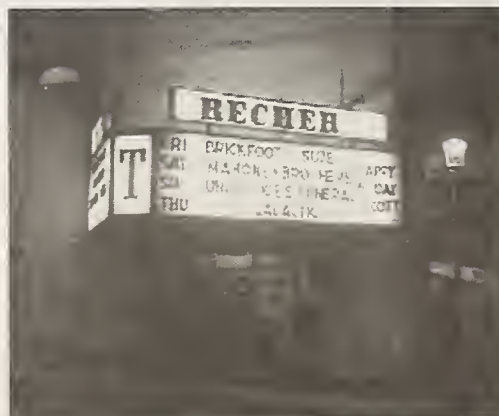


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Merriweather Pavilion

10475 Patuxent Parkway, Columbia

September:

21st: Three Days Grace/Breaking Benjamin/Seether/Skillet
28th: Bob Dylan/Elvis Costello/Amos Lee

October:

22nd: The Shins/Spoon/Vetiver

930 Club

800 V St NW, D.C

September:

18th: Sum 41/Amber Pacific
26th/27th: Rilo Kiley
30th: Megadeath/In This Moment

October:

1st: Matt Pond PA
14th: Bad Religion
16th: Circa Survive/Fear Before the March of Flames

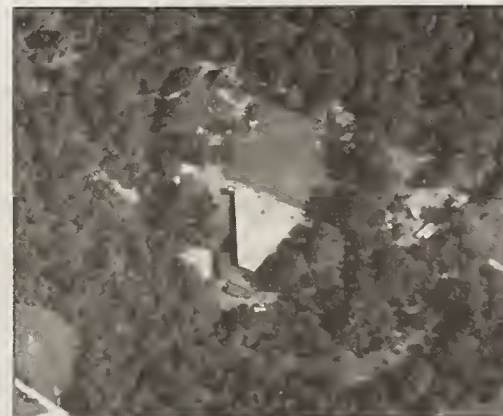


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Local band illuminates popular mellow rock sound

BY ALEC LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

Fiction 20 Down is a local Baltimore band with members Jordan Lally (vocals), Todd Hispley (guitar), Matthew Batersch (bass), and Benjamin Potok (drums). Their debut album, *Down N' Out + Up N' Rising*, hit the stores in April 2007. I scanned through their Myspace and website (www.f20d.com) to listen to some tracks and figure out what this band was really about. Both websites featured the same list of songs, so I methodically listened through the sample track list while absorbing as much as I could about the bands from the ever-so-informative Myspace.

The vocals follow the popular soft, acoustic rock sound made famous by the likes of Jack Johnson and John Mayer. Gentle and smooth, the mellow sound of the music is reminiscent of summer bonfires on the beach and days when there is no desire to accomplish anything- with the latter being the far more common scenario. A style of music pioneered by Dave Matthews Band and borrowing from Sublime without taking the political angle, it wasn't surprising that both of them were listed under individual band members' favorite artists along with every acoustic band's favorite artist, Jimi Hendrix.

I'll admit that, although I would hesitate to call them new and original, it is a refreshing change from the string of punk rock bands that have been covering the Baltimore scene lately. However, it would be hard to pick them out of the crowd of soft-mellow acoustic rockers unless you were a die-hard fan. Of the three songs on their Myspace, I found "20Something" to be my favorite for the lyrics of both indecisiveness and contemplation, "...you would think that you were meant for more than simply wondering what you were meant for," while the music still stands true to a laid back lifestyle. The other two songs on the Myspace I couldn't really tell apart despite multiple plays (the curse of the genre), but this song turned out to be their saving grace for me. Dreading to review a band (based solely on music) that seemed to be another acoustic rock band with the good looks of the safe boy-next door, I found myself enjoying and replaying "20Something." I was shocked when I caught myself mouthing the words and swaying a bit at my laptop.

I pride myself on giving every band at least one shot, usually in concert, to impress me and reverse any preemptive judgment I may have made on them. I wouldn't say that Fiction 20 Down is the new acoustic rock gods of summer nights, but I am



PHOTO COURTESY OF FICTION 20 DOWN

Although local Baltimore band Fiction 20 Down has a sound that is nothing new, they manage to provide a relaxing feeling of summer nights with their music.

curious about how the rest of the album sounds. Would I drop other plans and stand in line to get tickets to their show? No. Nor do I see myself dropping my hard-earned money to buy their album without hearing additional material from them. But I'd tag along if others were going because, especially if you are a fan of the genre (of which I am not diehard), I can't seem to shake the feeling that there is something worth checking out here.

And as a Baltimore native, I like to support Baltimore music. Fiction 20 Down gave me that feeling that I was listening to listen to great acoustic rock, and maybe with some more experience they could really stand on their own. Their debut album is not horrible, but when the last second of "20Something" is over this time, I'm going to be spending the rest of my day listening to "Santeria" by Sublime, the real gods of summer nights.

'Murphys progress sound with anthems and whistles



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The Dropkick Murphys is known for the Irish spirit that shines through in their songs and performances as well as their strong allegiance to Boston. On Monday, the band will be in town in support of their upcoming album, "The Meanest of Times," which sticks to a well-loved theme of drinking and family that gets back to their roots.

BY TIM HILLMAN
STAFF WRITER

In the Irish spirit of finding any reason to celebrate, the Dropkick Murphys drops its latest album, "The Meanest of Times," just in time for halfway to St. Patrick's Day festivals and Ryan's Daughter drink specials. The album runs with the same blood, force, and Jameson of their previous five studio albums, kicking up fast tunes that take no prisoners.

For those not familiar with this group of Boston punk rockers, you may recall their song "Tessie" featured in Boston Red Sox themed film, "Fever Pitch," or the better known "Shipping off to Boston" theme song from the Academy Award winning film "The Departed." The Murphys have been playing since 1996 and are well known for playing Warped Tour and annually at multiple sold out St. Patrick's Day shows in Boston.

Fans that have criticized their 2005 release of "Warriors Code" as being too pop-oriented are sure to like how they have returned to an older sound similar to their

2003 album "Blackout." That's not to say that there are not plenty of fist-raising sing-along choruses, however.

The sound has progressed a bit as well. There is a noteworthy increase in plucked mandolin. As expected, crunchy guitar and fast paced drums push their way to the forefront. However, there is a steady amount of background bagpipes and tin whistle which make them stand out from the average punk rock act.

Literally, the Murphys stick to their old formula of songs about remembering where they come from, family, drinking and barroom brawls. One thing that should be commended is that they can take the dark subjects of death, struggle and the current state of the world and turn them into fun and hard-rocking songs. These anthems will fit perfectly into Dropkick's repertoire of hard hymns.

Standout tracks on the album include "Johnny I Hardly Knew Ya," which is set to the music of the children's song "The Ants Go Marching" and the album's single "The State of Massachusetts." The most musically unique song is "Flannigan's Ball,"

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which is very distinctive in its stripped song structure and special guest singers.

For fans of Rancid, Flogging Molly, and Gogol Bordello this album will surely get

you drunk. The entire album will be streamed on their Myspace.com page this week, with its release on Tuesday. You can also check them out at Rams Head Live! on Monday.

Aries (March 21-April 20) Group events and last minute invitations are this week complicated but rewarding. After Monday, expect friends and lovers to publicly compete for your attention. Be patient, however: over the next six days, diplomacy

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Temporarily revised duties may prove unmanageable before mid-week: expect new colleagues to request added assistance and bold commitments. After Friday, a trusted friend or close relative may provide unique insights.

HOROSCOPES
By Lasha Seniuk/MCT

will be needed to resolve minor disputes or triangles.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Your estimations are accurate. Taureans born between 1968 and 1981 will experience a powerful wave of romantic attraction, revitalized passion and social ambition. Don't hold back: this is the right time to redefine relationships and expand your social circle.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) A unique introduction may captivate your imagination over the next few days. Some Geminis will now steadily expand their emotional lives or recapture lost feelings of social belonging. New friendships are genuine: respond quickly to all invitations. After Wednesday, pay attention to the observations of relatives or insights of trusted colleagues. A previously silent co-worker may soon offer a passionate invitation or reveal a private attraction. Go slow: tensions may quickly escalate.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Remain open to revised roles. Thursday through Saturday accents subtle breakthroughs between friends and new emotional boundaries in family relationships. Let others express their deepest feelings before offering an opinion: all is well.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Early this week, someone close may discuss private events, broken promises or failed relationships. If so, offer empathy but encourage new ideas: loved ones may need to resolve past disappointments before committing to the present. Share your opinions and expect an honest response: progress will soon be undeniable.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) over the next few days, friends and lovers may ask subtle questions and expect detailed answers. Areas affected are yesterday's romantic promises, social planning or future home goals. For many Librans, predictability is now a top priority: offer reassurance and consistent information.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Renovations, home decisions and minor finances are now highlighted. Some Scorpions will soon expand their daily lifestyles or family expectations. If so, expect complex discussions and new proposals in the coming weeks. Be very flexible: creative suggestions are unusual but definitely worthwhile.

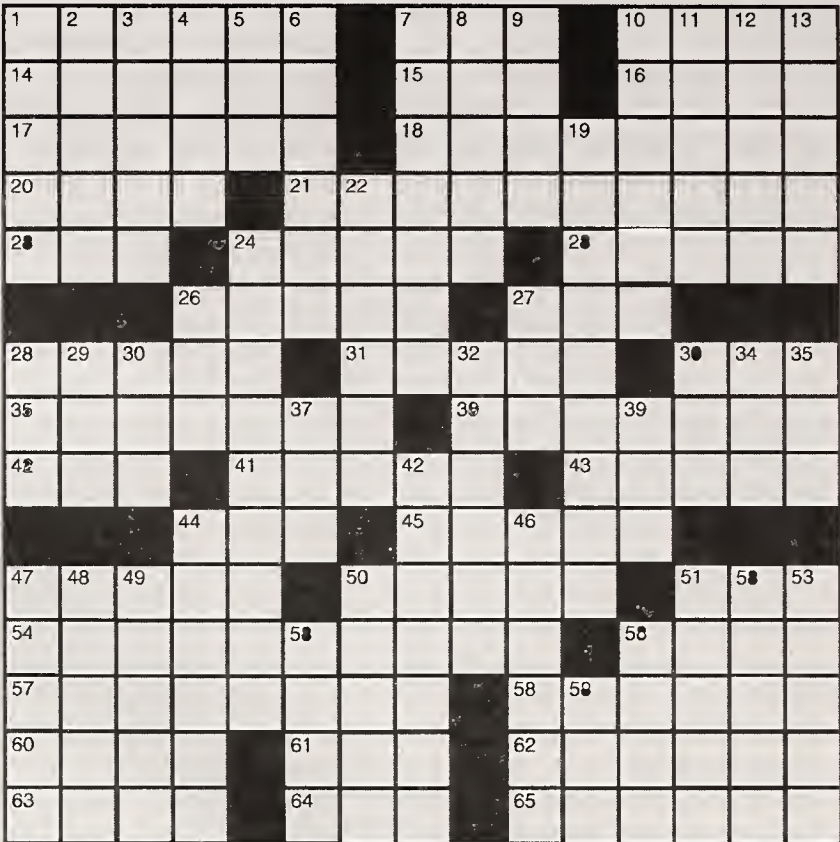
Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Long-term romance is pleasing and seductive this week. Rekindled passions will soon provide new opportunities for emotional growth. Some Sagittarians may also experience the return of an old lover or distant friend. Opt to avoid repeated patterns: expectations and emotional demands may be too high.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Discuss all plans with loved ones and ask for honest advice. After Wednesday, social proposals will steadily increase: expect new friends and trusted companions to compete for your time, attention and loyalty. A demanding week: stay balanced.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Social confidence now attracts potential lovers. Over the next eight days, flirtation in business relationships or workplace attractions may be unsettling. Carefully consider all invitations. New passions will be brief but compelling.

Crossword

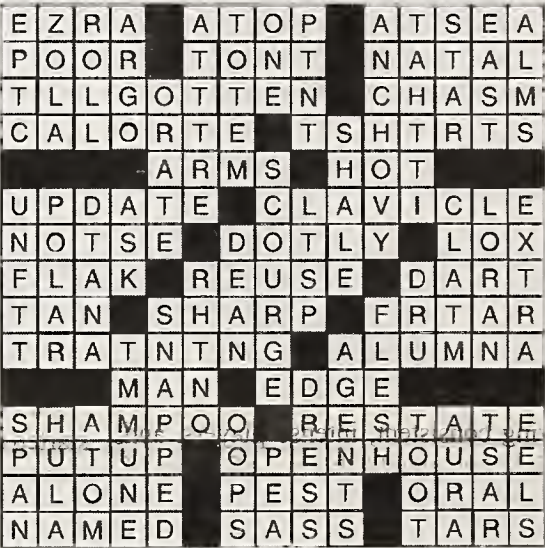
- ACROSS
- 1 Careless handwriting
 - 7 Blighted tree
 - 10 Quick swims
 - 14 Inessential matters
 - 15 Affirmative vote
 - 16 Dice toss
 - 17 Dark Chinese tea
 - 18 Portal
 - 20 From the beginning
 - 21 Destroy utterly
 - 23 Mack or Knight
 - 24 Nav. system
 - 25 Benefactor
 - 26 Port and sherry
 - 27 Make a choice
 - 28 Twin suspension
 - 31 Complete
 - 33 Solidify
 - 36 Yield
 - 38 Snake, lizard or turtle
 - 40 Lamb's mom
 - 41 Strung along
 - 43 Winter coat
 - 44 Five-dollar bill
 - 45 NASCAR driver
 - 47 Branchlet
 - 50 Croc relative
 - 51 Madison Ave. output
 - 54 Intensified
 - 56 Explode
 - 57 Proving false
 - 58 Widen
 - 60 Always
 - 61 Falsehood
 - 62 Appeared threateningly
 - 63 Existed
 - 64 Guitarist Paul
 - 65 Put into a cipher
- DOWN
- 1 Summer ermine
 - 2 Old hag
 - 3 Irritated
 - 4 Declare openly
 - 5 Be victorious
 - 6 Coral-reef enclosure
 - 7 Bit of facial hair
 - 8 Bolshevik leader
 - 9 Damon of Hollywood
 - 10 Timber fungus
 - 11 Davenport man
 - 12 Greek philosopher
 - 13 More crafty
 - 19 Cayenne
 - 22 Concocted
 - 24 Focus of attention
 - 26 Female GI, once
 - 27 Bullring cheer
 - 28 Chill
 - 29 Acknowledge applause
 - 30 Wind dir.
 - 32 Showily adorned
 - 33 Knight's title
 - 34 Wapiti
 - 35 Pekoe or Darjeeling
 - 37 Cub quarters
 - 39 Black goo
 - 42 Temples and navels
 - 44 Digit



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Solutions to last week's puzzle



- 46 Pamper
- 47 Insectivorous mammal
- 48 Vex
- 49 More widespread
- 50 Wish granter
- 51 Texas shrine
- 52 Mothered overly
- 53 Stockholm man
- 55 Money drawer
- 56 Legislative coalition
- 59 Solar wind bit

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Family discussions are this week positive and rewarding. Previously silent loved ones may now provide a detailed description of their long-term needs. For many Pisceans, several weeks of misinformation will now fade:

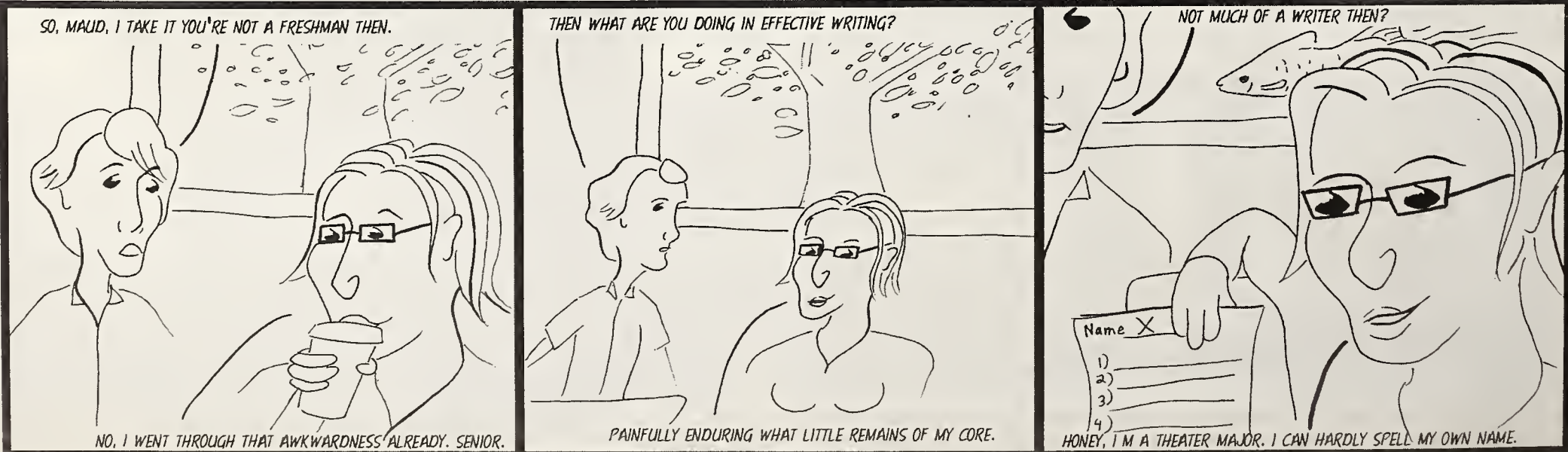
expect newly revealed plans, fast home changes or revised goals.

If your birthday is this week: Social relations may soon experience a brief but intense phase of emotional conflict. Before Oct. 11, expect long-term friends

to ask for more access to your personal life or family decisions. Slowly allow key relationships to expand. Much of the coming year will usher in new levels of intimacy and social involvement. Set firm boundaries and stay focused on shared values.

Will Butler, College Freshman

By Kevin Hughes and Dan Corrigan





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Hernandez attempts to revive LC in '07

BY PETE THEIS
STAFF WRITER

The 2007 Loyola women's volleyball campaign will be challenged to top last season's mark of just 10 wins and 26 losses. While they boast exciting, young players, they lack depth and will have to rely on the leadership roles of juniors and sophomores. In fact, only three juniors round out the 14-person squad. That being said, fourth-year head coach Kristina Hernandez remains optimistic.

"Our goal this year will be to get between 15 and 18 wins," said Hernandez. "We really want to be a lot more consistent with our play. We are a very young team, so we need to make sure to avoid silly mistakes which will be the difference between winning games."

The Greyhounds are picked to finish sixth in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference this season, so they have their share of doubters. Hopefully for the Hounds, their head coach will help them meet their goals.

Hernandez has developed a knack for identifying consistent, intense players, and it certainly has caught the eye of many of her peers. This summer, she was selected as the head coach for the USA Youth National A2 team.

"Coaching this past summer was one of the most intense things I have ever done," said Hernandez. "Every day was nine hours of practice. However, I was able to bring back a lot of that intensity with our practices and games at Loyola."

"A lot of my intensity that I have in my coaching carried over from my playing days."

Hernandez was a standout performer as the team's setter at North Carolina A&T.

"I was always an intense player and would get rattled up very frequently," said
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KAT KIENLE/GREYHOUND

Jamie Darvill (above) was the hero last Friday as his game-winning goal with less than three minutes to play gave the Hounds a 3-2 victory over George Washington. The victory moved the Hounds to 5-0 on the season before heading on the road to meet Hofstra.

Home or away, LC can't be beaten

BY DAVE LOMONICO
SPORTS EDITOR

Two games, two thrillers and two more wins for the No. 26 Loyola men's soccer team. The Hounds, now a perfect 6-0, started the weekend with a 3-2 victory over George Washington in Baltimore and ended it with a rugged, 1-0 win over Hofstra in New Jersey for their best start since 1992.

Friday's victory over GW was all about composure. With the game clock dwindling under five minutes and the Hounds clinging to a 2-1 lead late in the second half, George Washington's Andy Stadler and Loyola's sophomore keeper, Milos Kocic, met head on, fighting for a loose ball in front of the goal. Stadler won the faceoff and booted in the tying goal. Kocic and the Hounds cried foul at the no-call, but Stadler and GW just shrugged and smiled at their good fortune.

Their celebration didn't last. A minute later, sophomore Jamie Darvill took a cross from senior Camilo Correa and laced it into

the back of the net, sending the crowd of 345 at rainy Diane Geppi-Aikens Field into a frenzy as the Hounds (6-0) won their fifth straight in a gripping 3-2 victory.

"I just missed on the chance before, and I thought it wasn't going to be my day scoring goals," said Darvill, who misfired on three previous shots. "But the bad call down the other end put us back on our heels, and we responded. It was just an amazing experience."

The Hounds seemingly had the game well in hand after jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the first half and holding the Colonials scoreless until late in the second half. But George Washington proved in their previous contest against North Florida, when they trailed 3-0 before coming back to win 4-3, that they can easily dig themselves out of early holes.

"We knew they had good spirit and were a good team," said head coach Mark Mettrick. "We were expecting a response."

With just over 20 minutes left in regulation, the Colonials made their move,

thanks to a fluke play. Kyle Albrecht sent a corner kick near the Greyhound goal, and Stadler and Kocic both went up for it, foreshadowing their encounter later in the half. The ball then hit off the back of Stadler's head and caromed right by Kocic to cut the Loyola lead to 2-1.

All of a sudden the Colonials broke out of their slumber and began to press the Greyhound backfield. At the 15:19 mark of the second half, a Loyola foul set up a clear shot for the tie, but the GW forward shanked it wide left. Then senior defender Janson Blake went down with a calf injury, thinning the already overworked defense.

It seemed inevitable the Colonials would tie. With five minutes left, the Colonials just missed on a corner kick that ricocheted right over the top of the crossbar, and on their final push, Stadler netted the equalizer on the goal the Hounds claim never should have been allowed.

Regardless, the Hounds refused to fold, and Darvill's game-winner made the alleged
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Hounds drop two straight in Colorado

BY KAT KIENLE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A second-half surge by the Marquette Golden Eagles led by freshman Ashley Bares forced the Loyola Women's soccer team to relinquish their first game in the Colorado College Invitational this past Friday afternoon. Despite a well played and evenly scored 1-1 first half, the Greyhound defense couldn't impede the efforts of the Eagles who, off the foot of Bares, scored two goals in the later 45 minutes to finalize the score at 3-1.

While both teams exchanged a series of unsuccessful shot attempts to open the half, Marquette took action first, scoring the go ahead in the 29th minute.

Anna Sawicki sent a well placed cross to Christy Zwolski who finished well, knocking the ball past Loyola keeper,

Brittany Henderson for the 1-0 advantage.

However, with just one minute left in the half, the Greyhounds countered the Eagle goal on a corner kick opportunity. At the 44:01 mark, freshman Lina Starapoli took the corner kick while sophomore defender Heather Cooke kned the ball in for the equalizer and her first goal of the season. It was also the first goal Marquette had surrendered this year.

"At the end of the half, the defense was very tired from their [Marquette's] efforts downfield so I wasn't even planning on jumping in for the corner kick," said Cooke. "But Brittany said 'Heather get in,' Lina made a good pass, and I kned the in the ball."

Unfortunately for Loyola, the arrival of the second half soon terminated the 1-1 tie. Bares, on her first of two goals, received the ball from 20 yards out, turned on her defender
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BRIT SANTORE/GREYHOUND

Lea Day and the Greyhounds came up short in the Colorado College Invitational. The Hounds lost to Marquette on Friday, and then fell to Colorado College on Sunday.

Sheer determination leads Hounds by Hofstra, 1-0

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refereeing error a little easier to swallow.

"We always knew, even when they came back with three minutes left, that we were going to win, whether it was in regulation or overtime," said freshman Phil Bannister, who, despite playing with a broken hand, scored Loyola's first goal.

Bannister's fourth goal in five games came just seven minutes into the contest. A cross-field pass by Loyola was deflected by the GW keeper and controlled by freshman Mike Deasel, who passed to Bannister for the easy put-back. For the first 45 minutes, the Colonials wrote a lesson in lackluster play, and their best chance to score came when Darvill lost his shoe and it took him a good 60 seconds to get back on the field.

The Greyhounds manhandled the GW midfield, and finally set up another scoring opportunity midway through the half. Darvill's low-liner from the top of the box hugged the ground, but went just wide of the goal. A minute later, freshman Eddie Dines had a similar strike, and this time the ball found the side pocket for a 2-0 Loyola lead.



KAT KIENLE/GREYHOUND

Loyola may have given up a 2-0 lead to GW, but they were all smiles at the end.

A combination of the heavy rain, a more conservative style, a few missed calls and a revived GW squad led to the Hounds giving up the momentum in the second half.

"When you go up against a team like this

[George Washington], especially in conditions like this, mistakes are going to be made," said sophomore Tennant McVea. "Defensively we didn't do too much wrong — two bad calls — but luckily we came back, and Jamie scored a great goal. We're delighted to get that win; we're 5-0."

After a three-game homestand, the Hounds hit the road for three straight, starting Sunday night at Hofstra. Despite their perfect 5-0 record heading into New Jersey, Metrick and the Hounds were worried. The Pride, who have won three straight Colonial Athletic Association titles, were perhaps one of Loyola's toughest non-conference opponents, and playing on their home turf made them even more formidable.

It didn't matter. Loyola can't be stopped right now, and they're finding new ways to win every night. After playing the Pride to a standstill for the first 84 minutes, the Hounds

escaped with a 1-0 victory thanks to the foot of senior defender Janson Blake.

The Hounds' offense was completely silenced by the Pride for the entire first half and most of the second. Biding their time, they waited for Hofstra to make a mistake, and with just over 10 minutes to play, they finally did.

The Pride committed a foul near their goal, allowing senior Julian Cantillo a free kick. Cantillo sent an arching pass into the box, and Blake, who was uncovered, nailed it to the bottom-right corner of the net from 10 yards out. It was Loyola's only real opportunity of the day, and they made it stand up.

"We played real disciplined throughout, and we finally got a chance to make a play on a foul," said Blake. "Julian placed it perfectly, and it fell right on my foot, and I knocked it in."

Blake garnered the headlines, but it was Kocic and the rest of the defense who deserve the accolades. Hofstra was able to get off nine shots to Loyola's four, but hardly any of them were on target. The few that were, Kocic stepped up and saved.

With the first half winding down, Hofstra's Chris Cox sent a hard liner at the Greyhound keeper, but Kocic was there to preserve the 0-0 tie. Cox has another chance to score, this time after Loyola had taken the lead in the second half, but, once again, he failed to connect.

"The defense played great," said Blake. "[Hofstra] came at us really tough, and we didn't want to over-extend on offense and let them through."

The Hounds will travel to the West Coast for their next two games. They take on Gonzaga on Friday and Oregon State on Saturday in the Oregon State Soccer Tournament.

Pair of late goals dooms Loyola against Colorado College, 2-1

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and netted the ball near the post for an unassisted strike just 2:42 into the half.

The Eagles then extended their lead to two in the 77th minute.

After being awarded a free kick, Shannon Cusick sent the ball into the box where Bares again, beat her defender to shoot the ball high and score, establishing the final 3-1 Marquette lead.

"We struggled with communication in the back today," said Loyola captain Sarra Moller. "We need to work on that and hold on to the ball longer if we want to stop the opposing offenses."

Meanwhile, on Sunday, Loyola dropped a 2-1 game to the Invitational host, Colorado College, when — after a stagnant first half — the Tigers scored back-to-back goals to establish their position for the win.

In the first half of play, both sides demonstrated an aggressive campaign for ball domination with each team taking a relatively-even number of shots on goal.

Yet, despite a 5-1 corner-kick advantage over the Tigers, the Greyhounds were unable to finish near the net. Meanwhile, the Loyola defense, anchored by Brittany Henderson, hindered any Colorado progress at the goal, leaving the score tied at zero entering intermission.

The beginning of the second half bore a resemblance to that of the first, with each team's offensive efforts again obstructed by the opposing defenders. The Tigers

managed three-consecutive shots in a 30-second span, but Henderson's relentless play in goal prevented Colorado from scoring.

"They [Colorado] lost their first game of the Invitational, too," said Sarra Moller. "So we knew entering it, the game was going to be tough and they would be persistent."

The scoring drought, however, came to an end near the 69th minute when the Tigers scored two unanswered goals.

Emily Beans, with an assist from Jamie Maltman, knocked the ball in at the 68:28 mark. Then, three minutes later, Tiffany Brown made an unassisted strike for the 2-0 lead.

Finally, after gaining possession after a Colorado corner kick, the Greyhounds were eventually able to move downfield and get on the scoreboard in the 76th minute. Off a pass from junior midfielder Theresa Ferraina, freshman midfielder Lina Staropoli was able to beat the Colorado keeper to score her first goal of the season and pull Loyola within one with roughly 15 minutes remaining in regulation.

Sadly, despite a few more opportunities near the Tigers' net, the Hounds were unable to score the equalizer to send the game into overtime, finishing the game at 2-1.

The women finished the game with 17 shots on goal while Henderson recorded nine saves. The Loyola women will try to improve upon their 1-4-1 record when they take on Richmond this Sunday in Virginia.



KAT KIENLE/GREYHOUND

Nina Camaioni (back) and Anastasia Collins, two of Loyola's outside hitters, recorded 13 kills and 11 kills, respectively, in Loyola's win over Niagara in the MAAC opener.

Hounds earn two straight wins in MAAC play, improve to 8-6

By PETE THEIS
STAFF WRITER

The Loyola women's volleyball team earned another tough-fought victory over the Golden Griffins of Canisius on Sunday afternoon to move to two games over .500 on the season at 8-6.

They are now a perfect 2-0 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

The Greyhounds won the first game, 32-20, before a below-par performance in the second, losing 16-30. After the team worked out their hitting struggles, Loyola rallied to win the next two games by scores of 30-25 and 30-27.

The Hounds started out well by converting many of their hits for the 12-point win in the first game.

However, the inconsistency that stems

from inexperience appeared in the second game as Loyola committed 10 errors and produced a meager 0.51 hitting percentage.

The rest of the game showcased the strength of the team's outside hitting as the Hounds raised their hitting percentage to .149 in the next two games.

Sophomores Karlee Woodward and Anastasia Collins, along with freshman Nina Camaioni, led Loyola in kills with 10 apiece. Junior Rachel Schillinger added nine,

"Everyone played well. Everyone pulled through for us in their position." -- Kristina Hernandez

and sophomore setter Chrissey Cruz was reliable as she netted 45 assists and picked up 11 digs.

One day earlier, the Hounds battled back

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Golf finishes third at Pinehurst

By TIM CURRAN
STAFF WRITER

Despite harsh weather conditions, the Loyola men's golf team finished third at the Mid-Pines Intercollegiate golf tournament this week at Pinehurst, N.C., with an overall score of 864. Falling short only to East Carolina and Old Dominion, the Greyhounds finished ahead of ten other teams, including reputable programs like Harvard University,



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Mike Mulieri led the way for the Hounds with a 2 under 70 last week in Pinehurst, N.C.

Boston College, Binghamton University and Army.

"We are much more focused this year on the concept of the team as a whole," said head coach Tom Beidleman.

This definitely showed at Mid Pines where the Greyhounds combined experience with younger talent in a display of teamwork and depth.

Junior Michael Mulieri and senior co-captain Chris Derby both finished the two-day tournament with a score of 213, good enough for 3-under par. Senior Captain Matt Bassler shot a 73 in the final round to end the tournament at par with a 216.

In addition to Mulieri and the senior captains' impressive scores, freshman Keith Hall shot three noteworthy rounds of 73, 72, and 77, respectively. Also, sophomore Michael Bassler played consistently well throughout the tournament.

"We're really looking forward to an amazing season," said Mulieri, who was in compliance with Beidleman's idea of focusing on the team.

"We definitely have more depth and overall talent throughout the classes than we have had in previous years."

At Mid-Pines, the count was two seniors, one junior, one sophomore and one freshman, all producing noteworthy scores. With contributions from upper and underclassmen alike, and finishing third in a highly-competitive season-opening tournament, it is not surprising that Loyola's golf program was ranked 97th out of 1,300 in this September's issue of Golf Digest.

The rankings were based on athletics, academics and school atmosphere; they took into account all NCAA divisions. In terms of points in the ranking system, Loyola barely missed being in the top-25 programs.

"This was one of our best tournaments that I can remember in a long time," says Mulieri. "We really started the season off on the right foot."

The Greyhounds are preparing for the Sea Trial Invitational at Sunset Beach, N.C., on Sept. 22-23.

The Santa Clara and the Diablo Grande Invitationals have been added to this year's schedule in place of the Towson and Navy Invitationals, and the team is prepared to face the new challenges.

"We should have a great showing at every tournament we play in and hopefully we'll win the MAAC championship," said Beidleman.

Volleyball battles by Niagara

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from being down two games to one to earn their first MAAC season opener in five years when they defeated Niagara.

The Greyhounds lost the first game, 26-30, before coming back in the second game, 30-24. The Purple Eagles won the third game, 20-30, before giving up the last two games to Loyola, 30-26, 15-9.

The Hounds found themselves in trouble and looked lackluster before picking up their play late in the match.

"We had some inconsistency early with our hitting. We had some moments when our errors cost us some points," said Hernandez. "We need to do a better job at not killing ourselves with the errors."

The Greyhounds played much better in the next four games as junior Rachel Schillinger and Woodward added great kills to give the Hounds the edge the rest of the way.

Cruz did an excellent setting up her teammates as she finished the game with 48 assists.

In the fourth game, both squads played to a 12-12 tie before the Greyhounds had two fantastic blocks, giving Loyola a two-point advantage that they would not relinquish.

Loyola showed their depth, despite their youth, as five players ended up recording 10 or more kills.



KAT KLENLE/GREYHOUND

Karlee Woodward has been a force at the middle-blocker position. Last weekend, she recorded 12 kills in a win over Niagara and matched the total in a victory over Canisius.

"Everyone played well," said Hernandez. "Brittany, Chrissey and Rachel all did a great job today. Everybody pulled through for us in their position."

Loyola was led by Camaioni with 13 kills, while Woodward and Schillinger added 12 kills apiece.

Loyola will take a break from MAAC play when they take on the Colonials of George Washington on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in Reitz Arena.

Cross Country turns in pair of seventh place finishes at Navy

By BRIAN HUNGARTER
STAFF WRITER

The Loyola men's and women's cross country teams both had seventh-place finishes last Saturday at the Navy Invitational in Annapolis. The men competed in a 12-team race, and the women in a nine-team race.

Despite the rather unimpressive spot in the final standings, the men posted a strong performance with 175 points while nipping at the heels of many reputable programs, including No. 15 Louisville, Navy, LaSalle, and last year's regional qualifier, American. On the other side, the women posted 184 points, finishing ahead of UMBC and Christopher Newport.

"I am very pleased with our performance today," said assistant head coach Rick Woods. "We are knocking on the door of the top teams right now, and I expect us to compete on their level very soon. We are right where we want to be."

Consistent No. 1 runner, Chris Heibell, (25:03.20) finished 18th and turned in the top men's performance, which featured four runners breaking the 26-minute mark in their 5-mile race. Sophomore Terry Moran (25:41.40) clocked a new personal-best by shaving more than a minute off his previous best-time.

"Terry has improved outstandingly from his high school days and even from last year," said Woods. "I am very

excited to see what he can do for us this year and in the future."

Rounding out the men's effort was senior Gian Caccia, whose 25:43.30 equaled his solid performances from last season,

with a time of 23:41. Freshman Lindsay Wilson also ran a quality race for a newcomer, stepping into the No. 2 position with a 23:52.

"Lindsay was so impressive today," said Woods. "She already has added a lot of energy to the team, and I would not be surprised to see her jump into the No. 1 position by the end of the year."

The other Greyhound scorers were Alexandra Salini (24:33), freshmen Kate

senior Brian Parker (25:47.50) and juniors Keith Forlenza (26:45.30) and Timm Woods (26:57.00).

For the women's team, junior Maureen Wynne knocked a minute off of her time at last year's Navy Invitational, leading the way

Cervo (25:12), Lindsay Murphy (25:49) and Sara Ochs (26:50), senior Bethany Gentry (26:28) and junior Nicole Gillhuley (26:41).

The next scheduled meet is the Paul Short Invitational on Sept. 28 in Bethlehem, Pa.



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The women's team begins their trek at the Navy Invitational.

Volleyball lacks experience, will rely on newcomers

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Hernandez. "I hated slacking off during my playing days. The intensity has leaked into my days as a coach."

Two of the key returners for Loyola this year are junior Rachel Schillinger and sophomore Chrissey Cruz, both players who have earned praise from Hernandez. Schillinger, a middle blocker, is the most experienced player for Loyola.

"She is the oldest and has been playing a lot since she was a freshman," said Hernandez.

According to Hernandez, Schillinger brings a lot of intensity and energy to games, and her experience will be the deciding factor in what team comes out on top in a close contest.

Cruz, last season's starting setter, is another asset to the team. She started in all 36 games last year, and Hernandez believes Cruz has taken her game to new heights by becoming a better defender and leader.

The team's best returning hitter from last season is sophomore middle-blocker Karlee Woodward. Woodward's versatility showed last year as she recorded 346 kills, 155 blocks and 38 service aces. Hernandez likes Woodward's consistency and believes she has the potential to be one of the best competitors in the MAAC this season.

Some of the new faces this year on the floor have already started to have an impact. Freshmen Nina Camaioni has shined this year by recording 17 kills in two different matches.

"Nina is doing a great job. We are putting a lot of pressure on her to do well, and she is performing every game by stepping out of the barrel," said Hernandez. "She will become even better as the season goes on."

At the libero position, or the defensive specialist, is sophomore Kimi Gabriel. Hernandez likes the defensive attitude that she instills in the other players.



KAT KIENLE/GREYHOUND

Loyola will go with three freshmen, eight sophomores and just three juniors in '07.

The team can best be gauged on how they play the top three in the MAAC.

"Fairfield, Siena, and Marist will be big games for us. Those matches will test us

and demand that we be consistent," said Hernandez. "Our goal is to finish the regular season in the top three before we head to the MAAC championship."

Hounds get a little love on the national level

BY JOE DELGOBBO
COLUMNIST

Another great week in sports, and a lot of different topics to discuss. But first a shout out to our Greyhounds. The men's soccer team improved to 5-0 on Friday with a 3-2 victory over George Washington. The Hounds are currently ranked No. 26 in the nation and are off to their best start since 1992. After squandering a two-goal advantage, our Greyhounds quickly responded and won the game in the 87th minute thanks to a goal by sophomore Jamie Darvill.

Soccer may not be the most popular sport at Loyola, but a fairly nice crowd showed up to support the team. Keep on coming out, Loyola, it's great to see the school spirit.

It's never too early for college basketball, and the Greyhounds are featured in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference shoot around on the college-basketball home page at espn.com. The article tells how our basketball program has recovered from a historically bad season just a few years ago to the MAAC preseason favorite for the first time in school history. The season is just around the corner.

The final regular-season series between the Yankees and Sox has finished up. As usual the season series was close, but a few things can be learned from last weekend.

It appears neither team has that killer instinct a championship team needs to have. The Yankees had a chance to sweep the Sox, pull within two-and-a-half games in the AL East, and apply some much-needed pressure on the best team in baseball.

Boston had a real chance to hurt the Yankees in the wild-card chase and sweep their archrivals late in September, just like the Yankees did in the five-game series last year.

After this weekend, both teams seem like a lock to make the playoffs. They won't match up in the first round, but let's hope they meet in the league series once again for another epic battle.

If they do face each other in October, the Yankees can take some solace in something else they learned this weekend. The Red Sox are a little scared. Why was Jonathon Papelbon pitching in the eighth inning late in September with a five-and-a-half-game lead?

In other news, the Patriots are cheaters. I realize I'm not winning over many Boston folks with this column so far, but there is good news. The Patriots got off light. The money is not an issue; Belichick can afford half a million and the fine on the Patriots is just pocket change.

New England will make the playoffs, so their real penalty is losing a first-round draft pick. But this episode is not going to hurt Belichick or the Patriots' legacy. They are still going to be respected and feared throughout the league. Their indiscretion had no real outcome on the actual game — the Jets were blown out — but there was a chance that commissioner Roger Goodell would make them forfeit the win.

The Patriots are also fortunate that Belichick wasn't suspended for a game, which in itself might lead to a loss.

The cheating incident will soon be forgotten, at least until the playoffs come around and Jets fans have nothing else to

talk about. They'll blame their failed season on this one game and claim the Patriots are undeserving of the postseason.

Congratulations to the Michigan Wolverines on their first win of the season. Enough said.

On a more serious note, football fans are used to seeing career-threatening injuries in the sport of football, but rarely are they faced with witnessing a life-threatening injury. Buffalo Bills' Kevin Everett remains

in the hospital with a spinal-cord injury that most experts believe will leave him paralyzed and unable to walk.

May Loyola's prayers go out to him and his family through this ordeal. For those who saw it happen, either live or via replay, it was a devastating thing to witness. Let this remind everyone, especially all those intense fans, that football is just a game.

If you have any of your own opinions you want to share, feel free to post on my blog at www.locosports.blogspot.com.



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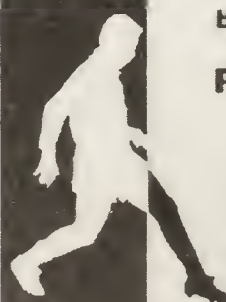
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We are looking for a full time or part time babysitter. We would prefer a live-in sitter, but we are open to a live-out sitter as long as you have a car. We have 11 year old twin girls and a 3 year old girl. The job will be helping with morning and evening routines, caring mostly for our 3 year old, carpools and general household help. Non-smoker (very important) Starting ASAP. call 410-252-4192 or e-mail reamers@comcast.net.

Babysitter needed for 6 month old and 3 year old sons on Mondays over school year. References required. Looking for someone loving, fun, responsible, energetic, patient and reliable. e-mail: duckhams@comcast.net


AFTERSCHOOL TRANSPORTATION sought; we are looking for a responsible, licensed driver to pick up our 5-year old daughter from a Charles St. school and then drop her off at our house; both are located within minutes from the Loyola Campus. All told, approximately 30 to 45 minutes worth of afternoon work. We'd like to offer \$11/hour for this Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday schedule. If interested, please contact Sherry at cell phone: 443-745-4076 or email her at: sroberts@axlin.com. Please have your references and driver's license available. We look forward to working with you.


P/T Nanny needed for our 3 month old baby. Afternoons and/or evenings. Near Loyola. Experience and background check required. 410-302-9512.

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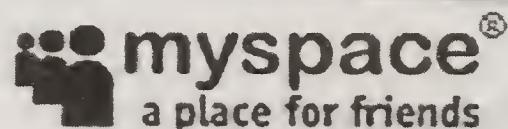
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TODAY18	WED19	THU20	FRI21	SAT22	SUN23	MON24
FAC Appreciation Day & Open House FAC	Mother Seton Academy Volunteer Orientation Selling 104 6-7 pm Contact Anna Smith (atsmith@loyola.edu) for more information	Mother Seton Academy Volunteer Orientation Selling 104 6-7 pm Contact Anna Smith (atsmith@loyola.edu) for more information Coffee House 9-11 pm	"Free Up" CSU Party 4th Floor Program Rm 10 pm - 2 am Midnight Breakfast Boulder 12-2 am	Karaoke - Sponsored by the Cadets Reading Room 9 pm - 12 am Midnight Breakfast Boulder 12-2 am	No Events Schduled	No Events Schduled
ATTENTION CLUBS & ACTIVITIES: Promote your event here... FREE! E-mail: greyhoundads@loyola.edu Subject: Datebook Entry						

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Thursday, September 20	Friday, September 21	Saturday, September 22
<p>COFFEEHOUSE! FREE! Come and relax with a cup of Seattle's Best Coffee and live music! Andrew White Student Center 9PM – 11PM</p> <p>Friend us on facebook or myspace (search "Loyola Greyhound") OR MYSPACE: www.myspace.com/loyolalatenight for updates on late night events!</p> <p><small>PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES, X2062, OR (TDD) X2141 AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO EACH EVENT</small></p>	<p>Wings'n' Workshops! FREE wings and refreshments! To register email thecareercenter@loyola.edu Knott Hall B01 4 PM- 6:30 PM</p> <p>"Free Up" CSU Party AWSC 4th floor program room 10 PM – 2 AM</p> <p>MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST! Free! Bring Loyola ID. Boulder Café 12AM – 2AM</p>	<p>KARAOKE! Sponsored by the CADETS! Free snacks and refreshments! Reading Room 9 PM- 12 AM</p> <p>OPTIONS EXTREME BOWLING! \$10 Sign up @ Student Activities Bus leaves @ 8:30 PM 9 PM- 12 AM</p> <p>THE WEDDING SINGER @ THE HIPPODROME \$25/ ticket Sign up @ Student Activities 8 PM</p> <p>MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST! See Friday Night Details</p>